





## Americans favour US help to curb world population growth

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19, (UPI): Most Americans want the United States to help curb rapid population growth by funding birth control programmes in developing countries, a Harris Poll showed yesterday.

In fact, the survey by Louis Harris and Associates found widespread fear in the United States that the world's population is growing at a pace that threatens their jobs, security and the global environment.

Sixty per cent of the 1,250 adults questioned in the nationwide telephone survey in May said the United States should give family planning aid to developing countries, even where abortion is legal.

"The message is clear," said Faye Watkinson, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which commissioned the poll along with the Population Crisis Committee.

Planned Parenthood has been

at odds with the Reagan administration over its efforts to cut federal funds for family planning programmes.

According to the poll, 89 per cent would like poor countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to have strong and effective birth control programmes. Only eight per cent of adults oppose such programmes.

### Results

The poll said Americans expect other negative results from continued population growth in poor countries. For example:

- 91 per cent said food shortages and famines will get worse, and that more countries will rely on famine relief in the future.

- between 86 per cent and 89 per cent said there will be more illegal immigrants to America, that there will be more international crises, and that the world environment will get worse.

- 69 per cent said there will be more US jobs going overseas because millions of poor people in Asia and Africa are willing to work at low wages.

The poll found most Americans reasonably well informed about key population trends. Seventy-six per cent correctly answered that the US population is growing but 14 per cent said it is shrinking. Thirty-five per cent knew that the world's population numbers between five billion and six billion.

### Aware

But only 50 per cent of all adults said that more than half of all population growth is in the developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. The poll noted that current estimates are that more than 90 per cent of the growth is in these countries.

"The survey results are simple and straightforward," the report said.

"They show that the average American is aware that population is growing rapidly in the poor countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, and that he or she believes this is bad for the world's environment, bad for international stability and bad for the United States."

## Government's departure will not solve the problems: premier

# Polish cabinet resigns

WARSAW, Sept. 19, (UPI): Prime Minister Zbigniew Messner today submitted the resignation of the Polish government, but warned it will not solve the nation's serious economic problems.

It was the first time since the communist takeover of Poland in 1944 that the government has resigned in mid-term.

The Polish leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski remains as President of the council of state, the collective state presidency, as well as head of the Communist Party.

In an emotional address to the Sejm, or parliament, Messner said he made progress in modernising the economy since taking office on Nov. 6, 1985. But he admitted he failed to decrease "the devastating force of inflation," which is running at 60 per cent this year.

"Being guided by the interest of the state, I submit the resignation of the council of ministers (the cabinet)," he said.

But he warned, "the problems will not be solved with the overthrowing of the government."

### Walesa

During the debate that followed a Catholic deputy, Ryszard Bender, urged Jaruzelski—who as a Sejm member was sitting in the chamber—to meet with Solidarity leader Lech Walesa. It was the first time



Messner

Walesa's name had been brought up in the Sejm since martial law.

"Poland will gain a lot now and in the future if you, Mr. General, together with the first Nobel peace prize laureate in the history of Poland, will jointly cooperate in the most vital problems of Poland," Bender said.

Jaruzelski sat stone-faced during Bender's speech.

In Gdansk, Walesa said he was ready for talks with Jaruzelski

"for the good of Poland," but he did not believe Messner's resignation would change anything because the government must undergo structural changes.

Walesa has had three sets of talks with Interior Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak and Solidarity has agreed to participate in roundtable talks with the government beginning next month on how to restructure the Polish economic and political systems.

Poland is staggering under a nearly \$40 billion debt to the West, a shortage of consumer goods, inefficient, centrally controlled industry, and a sullen population that refuses to go along with the sacrifices required by the latest government economic reform programme, which was announced in October 1987.

The government is also under pressure from within and from the West to re-legislate Solidarity, which was banned after martial law.

The prime minister has been under strain for several months because of the government's failure to implement its economic restructuring programme.

The government came under fierce attack last month by the policy-making Communist Party central committee, which holds the real power in Poland, for its failure to implement sig-

nificant reforms. And last week the official, communist-run trade unions, representing nearly half the Polish workforce, called on the government to resign.

The 460-member Sejm, which meets less than once a month, normally acts as a rubber stamp for the policies of the ruling Communist Party. It has 243 party members, 106 from the Peasant Party and 35 from the Democratic Party—both allied with the communists—and 74 independent members, including Catholic representatives.

If the Sejm accepts the resignation as expected, it will appoint a new premier and order him to present proposals concerning the composition of the council of ministers—but not necessarily at the current session. The next Sejm session is unofficially scheduled on Sept. 29, a parliamentary source said.

Until the new cabinet is appointed, the old cabinet would continue to operate, according to the Sejm press office and reports by the official news agency PAP.

### Strikes

Messner said the recent 20-day wave of strikes that ended on Sept. 3, and led to the Walesa-government talks, resulted in a deterioration of the economic situation. He listed losses of 50 billion zlotys (\$11 million) and hard currency losses of up to one hundred million dollars.

## Social Democrats retain power in Swedish polls

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 19, (AP): The Social Democratic Party, presiding over a prospering economy, fought off a challenge from the environmentalist Greens and retained its hold on a parliamentary elections.

Nearly complete returns today gave the Greens a place in the 349-member Riksdag for the first time, but the party failed to gain enough seats to be a legislative power broker.

Pre-election predictions said the Greens, officially called the Environment Party, would hold the balance of power between the left and the centre-right blocs, giving the novice politicians unusual leverage.

### Suffered

The Greens, which became the first outside party to enter parliament in 70 years, drew most of their support from the three non-socialist opposition parties, which suffered their worst combined defeat since World War II.

"We have ridden out the storm and stood steady in the wind, and we have won," a smiling Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson said of yesterday's balloting.

Carlsson, who took office after the 1986 assassination of Olof Palme, admitted he had been "a bit nervous" leading his party in an election for the first time.

Carl Bildt, leader of the conservative Moderate Party, claimed the outcome showed hope for the opposition and the beginning of a decline for the ruling party, which lost support in large cities "where political attitudes change faster."

Results based on returns from all but a few mail ballots gave the Social Democrats 43.7 per cent of the vote for a projected 156 seats, a loss of three seats.

The Communist Party took 5.9 per cent to win 21 seats, a gain of two. Though there is no formal agreement, the communists tacitly support the Social Democrats and guarantee their ability to govern.

Pre-election polls had predicted the communists might fail to muster the four per cent minimum for a seat in the unicameral

chamber. Many Social Democrats were believed to have voted for the Allied Party to ensure its survival, resulting in what party leader Lars Werner called its best election in 40 years.

The three-centre-right opposition parties lost a total of 19 of the 171 seats they won in the 1985 election. The Greens won 20 seats.

The entry of the Greens will have little impact on the workings of the Riksdag, but could prove to be disruptive in the future, some political commentators said.

"In the next election, it will be a lot more difficult to put forth a credible political alternative to the Social Democrats," said the independent Dagens Nyheter daily. "The balance that existed between two roughly equally large blocs has been distorted in a serious way."

Voter turnout was 86.4 per cent, the lowest in 28 years and an apparent reflection of an election campaign that struggled to focus on issues and arouse public enthusiasm.

Swedish television, broadcasting the official results, said about two per cent of voters cast blank ballots or voted for one of about 100 fringe parties as a protest.

According to pre-election surveys, about 10 per cent of the voters made up their minds in the last few days.

### Mishaps

The Social Democrats had been shaken by a series of mishaps earlier this year, including a politically risky attempt to sponsor a private investigation into Palme's unsolved murder. The popular Justice Minister, Anna-Greta Leijon, was forced to resign in June for overstepping her authority in the affair.

Carlsson admitted the irregular probe and reports of illegal arms sales by Swedish companies had hurt the ruling party.

Carlsson focused the final weeks of the campaign on the management of the economy at a time when business profits and wages were high, unemployment was reduced to 1.7 per cent and public spending was brought into line.

Most of the previous bombings have been blamed by authorities on the outlawed African National Congress guerrilla movement. The ANC acknowledges waging a bombing and sabotage campaign aimed at undermining the government, but it generally does not comment on individual blasts.

## Haitians celebrate coup

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Sept. 19, (Reuters): Lieutenant-General Prosper Avril set out to form a new Haitian government today after toppling General Henri Namphy in an Army coup which led to dancing in the streets.

People turned the capital into a carnival city yesterday to celebrate the weekend coup, but sporadic shooting was heard around Port-au-Prince and at least five people were killed as vengeful mobs roamed the streets seeking Namphy supporters.

A day after Avril proclaimed himself President on national television, he had yet to announce the members of his cabinet. Local political observers said in-fighting was likely in the military over the make-up of the new government.

### Rebels

Avril took power early yesterday after middle-level officers rebelled against Namphy, who had served office only three months before by ousting civilian President Leslie Manigat. Avril, a close adviser to Namphy, had assisted him in the June coup.

Namphy fled yesterday to the Dominican Republic where he received political asylum. He was accompanied by Frank Romain, mayor of Port-au-Prince and an ally of ousted dictator Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier, who left the country in February 1986.

Namphy refused to speak to reporters. A manager at the hotel where he is staying with his wife and daughter said the ousted leader had told him he would not make any public remarks—"not today, not tomorrow, not ever."

Three of those killed yesterday were men attacked by an angry crowd searching for followers of Romain, who was widely blamed for violence last week in which three churches were attacked by machete-wielding gangs. In one church 11 people were killed and 70 wounded.

### Ransacked

Many Haitians said they believed the attackers were led by members of the Tonton Macoutes, the dreaded militia founded by former dictator Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, under orders from Romain.

Crowds ransacked the homes of Namphy and Romain and the new government issued a plea for Haitians to refrain from reprisals. "In these difficult moments, the government asks the population to maintain order and not to ransack properties," said a communique read over television and radio.

## 18 Armenians hurt as Azerbaijanis fire on bus

MOSCOW, Sept. 19, (Reuters): Eighteen Armenian students were wounded when Azerbaijanis opened fire on a bus travelling in the disputed Soviet region of Nagorno-Karabakh yesterday, a spokeswoman for the region's governing council said today.

She said troops had sealed off Stepanakert, the capital of Nagorno-Karabakh, and the city remained completely shut down by a protest strike which began one week ago.

"The city is extremely tense," the spokeswoman told Reuters by telephone from Stepanakert. She said doctors had been flown in from Yerevan, the Armenian capital, to treat four students seriously injured in the attack in Khodzhalu, a town mainly populated by ethnic Azerbaijanis, which is located near Stepanakert.

The students had been travelling from Yerevan to Stepanakert to work as a construction brigade when Azerbaijanis surrounded their bus and began pelting it with stones.

### Damaged

"Windows were smashed, the bus was damaged, and then they opened fire," the spokeswoman said. She said the bus driver escaped uninjured and was able to drive on to Stepanakert, but a number of students were first beaten up by the assailants.

A spokesman for the official Armenpress news agency in Yerevan confirmed that the incident occurred, but said 17—not 18—students were injured according to reports reaching Armenia.

Later last night a group of Azerbaijanis opened fire on Armenians in Stepanakert, itself, injuring several of them, the spokeswoman said. But she said she did not know exactly how many were hurt.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Iranian poet-dies

NICOSIA, Sept. 19, (AP): One of Iran's best-known poets, Mohammed-Hussein Behjat Tabrizi, who wrote under the nom de plume of Shahrivar, has died, aged 83, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported yesterday.

The agency said he died in a Tehran hospital "after a long period of illness," but gave no other details.

### Proposal for UN

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 19, (Reuters): The Soviet Union and 12 of its allies have called for the dissolution of the United Nations command in South Korea and the withdrawal of all foreign troops stationed there under the UN flag.

The proposal was contained in a letter to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, published today, proposing a new item for the General Assembly agenda.

### Tourists stranded

IGOUOMENITSA, Greece, Sept. 19, (AP): More than 400 foreign tourists were stranded in this northwestern port today, eight days after farmers blockaded its harbour and all streets leading into the town.

"There are about 400 tourists that have been trapped here since this thing started and nowhere to go. They are West German, Austrian and Swiss," Igoumenitsa hotelier Vasilis Soufis told the Associated Press by telephone.

## Lebanon plunges into political ...

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follow is for the deputies to attend the session where they will choose whomever they want without any pressure.

A high-ranking French Foreign Ministry delegation today had talks in Damascus on the developments in Lebanon, diplomats said.

The team, including Gilbert Perol, secretary-general of the ministry, earlier had discussions in Lebanon; formerly a French mandated territory.

The Lebanese pound plunged against the dollar as people rushed to buy the US currency for fear the crisis would further push down the value of their currency.

It closed at 407.50 to the dollar compared with the previous close of 390.00, the Central Bank said.

Security sources said Aoun ordered Army engineers to clear the area around the old Parliament in Nijmech of land mines to allow the deputies to reach the premises on Thursday. Parliament has been using a temporary building on the Museum crossing between Muslim West and Christian East Beirut.

## Western navies in Gulf ...

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An Iraqi tanker testing Baghdad's claim to freedom of navigation in the Gulf sailed through the Strait of Hormuz without interference by Iran, Western military sources said today.

The 35,338-tonne Ain Zahab, on its second voyage from Iraq since the Aug. 20 ceasefire in the Gulf war, left the waterway through the 30-mile wide strait last night.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has said the war might resume if Iran searches any Iraqi ship and on Friday the Iraqi News Agency (INA) announced the departure of the Ain Zahab from Khor Al Zubair port.

Iran says it has the right under international law to search Iraqi ships for war material. The issue has been a factor in stalling peace talks, due to resume in New York on Thursday.

The military sources said Iraqi ships have made at least four voyages out of the Gulf and at least three into it since Aug. 20. Iran said it searched one of the vessels, the Khawla, on Aug. 20 but Iraq denied the report. No incidents have been reported since.

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## Jackson replaces Cosby as highest-paid entertainer

NEW YORK, Sept. 19, (UPI): Pop singer Michael Jackson, who will make about \$97 million during 1987 and 1988, has replaced comedian Bill Cosby as the world's highest-paid entertainer, Forbes magazine reports in its Oct. 3 issue.

Jackson, who was ranked ninth last year on the Forbes list, should earn about \$60 million in 1988 from his worldwide tour, recording and publishing efforts, Forbes said, adding that the 30-year-old singer earned \$37

million in 1987. Cosby falls to the No. 2 spot on the Forbes list of 40 best-paid celebrities with an estimated income of \$92 million for 1987 and 1988.

Forbes compiled its list by using the income of performers over the past two years to overcome the year-to-year volatility of a performer's income, a magazine spokesman said.

The minimum two-year income needed to qualify was \$16 million.

Director Steven Spielberg moved up to the No. 3 position on the list with estimated earnings of \$64 million for the two-year period. Spielberg was ranked sixth last year.

Actor Sylvester Stallone dropped from No. 2 to No. 4 on this year's list, while Eddie Murphy held on to the No. 5 position for the second consecutive year. Stallone and Murphy should make \$63 million and \$62 million respectively for the two-year period.

No. 6 was cartoonist Charles Schulz, \$62 million, and No. 7 was singer Bruce Springsteen, \$61 million.

Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson leaped from No. 8 spot on this year's list with an estimated income of \$53 million. Tyson's climb in the rankings was the biggest on the list.

Also on the top 10 were performer Madonna, \$46 million, and actor Arnold Schwarzenegger, \$43 million.

### Gilbert's carnage

MONTERREY, Mexico, Sept. 19, (AP): Mexican Miguel de La Madrid surveyed hurricane Gilbert's carnage in this northern industrial city and said that Mexico has "a lot to lament."

The official Mexico death toll rose to 122 yesterday, 90 of those due to drownings in and around Monterrey, the capital of Nuevo Leon state, due to flash floods. Officials said they feared the flooding death toll would rise to 200.

Thirty-one people died when the hurricane slammed into Mexico's Yucatan peninsula on Wednesday with winds of up to 200 miles per hour (320 kilometers per hour), and one woman drowned yesterday in flood waters in the coastal state of Tamaulipas.

Gilbert, the strongest hurricane on record, inflicted a week of terror and suffering as it swept across the Caribbean, into Mexico and then up into the southern United States.

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## Violence in occupied areas must end before talks'

# Peres hopes for negotiations

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19. (Agencies): Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has said that only political negotiations will determine the fate of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Violence must end in the Israeli-occupied lands before talks can take place, he said in an interview on CBS television's "Face the Nation" programme. "I think that there is no solution to the existing situation on the West Bank but through political negotiations," said Peres, the moderate Labour Party leader campaigning to oust hardline Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

My main effort and main hope is to sit together with a Jordanian-Palestinian group, or separately with a Jordanian group and a Palestinian group, and start to negotiate practically without prior conditions," he said.

He added if elected in Nov 1 elections he would approach Jordan's King Hussein and try to get him involved in the peace process.

Hussein has severed Jordanian ties with the West Bank, saying it was up to the PLO to govern the area, and essentially withdrawn from peace efforts.

Peres said the PLO must recognise Israel as a basis for negotiations.

"What we would expect the Palestinians (to do) is to stop terror and violence. None of us can go and negotiate while the Palestinians are continuing to fire, to shoot, to throw stones. You cannot have a cocktail of violence and negotiations," he stated.

Peres said Israel would negotiate with a group of Palestinians "who have seriously and instantly decided to depart from terrorism." But he doubted this group would ever include PLO leader Yasser Arafat because of

opposition from within the PLO. When asked about last week's offer from Arafat to exchange implicit recognition of the Jewish state for acknowledgement of the Palestinians' right to national independence, Peres responded:

"We are watching his moves and we would like to see where he is going to arrive at. What we would expect of Palestinians is to stop terror and violence. ... secondly, we have to have an agreed basis for negotiations."

Peres defended his government's actions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where for the past nine months Palestinians have fought Israelis in an uprising that has killed at least 277 Arabs and six Israelis.

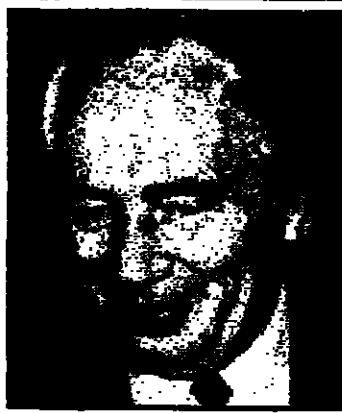
Asked if arrests of Palestinians, often on suspicion of inciting rioting, would continue if he is elected prime minister, Peres said: "You must understand. We don't want to see a Palestinian person suffering because he's a

Palestinian. "We don't want a Palestinian leader arrested because he has one view or another," Peres said. "We must make it clear that as a government we cannot support the use of guns or use of violence."

Peres also defended the policy of deporting Palestinians, claiming they were expelled only because of involvement in "acts of violence" and not their views.

Asked why Israel deported even moderate Palestinians, the Labour Party leader said: "We don't expel anybody because he is moderate or because he is not moderate. We expel only the ones who are engaged in acts of terror."

He claimed there were many ranking Palestinians who held "rather extreme views" against Israel but remained unmolested by the state because they committed no "terrorist acts." Meanwhile, the Israeli Army



Peres: approach.

yesterday jailed a soldier for 14 days for pursuing a private peace initiative while on reserve duty in West Bank.

An Army spokesman said Hillel Bardin, 53, was arrested, tried at a court-martial after admitting he met four Palestinian leaders to try to persuade them to hold peaceful protests.

Israeli soldiers confiscated the passports of five US citizens who allegedly participated in a protest in West Bank in which troops fired rubber bullets at Palestinian youths, Israeli military sources said today.

## Flood victims returning home

DHAKA, Sept. 19. (AP): Thousands of people have started returning to the remnants of their homes as the flood waters that devastated the country and affected 40 million people continued to recede, government officials said today.

"It is difficult to estimate the number of returnees at this stage," said a Relief Ministry official, who requested anonymity.

Hundreds of flood victims, mainly in the northern districts, have left the relief centres and high dikes where they sought food and safety, he said.

Many victims lack money to rebuild their ruined houses, the independent Bengali-language daily newspaper Sangbad reported today. More than 168,000 people hit by floods in the Pabna district, 120 kms (75 miles) north-west of Dhaka, returned to their homes last week, it said.

However, many refugees were still arriving in Dhaka, searching for food, shelter and jobs in the capital.

Over the weekend, at least 2,000 refugees arrived at Dhaka's Central Kamalapur station, station officials said.

"The floods, like a demon, have taken everything — my house and crops," said Nur Ali, a farmer who came to Dhaka with his wife and two teen-age daughters Saturday. They are living at the railroad station.

## Tamil rebels seek permanent ceasefire

COLOMBO, Sept. 19. (Reuters): Indian officials have urged Tamils in Sri Lanka's north and east to persuade separatist guerrillas to accept a peace pact and join the democratic process.

An Indian high commission official reacted cautiously to a call by the rebels and Tamil residents for an extension of a temporary ceasefire.

The dominant rebel group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, yesterday called on India to effect a permanent ceasefire and start talks.

A ceasefire declared last Thursday by Indian troops on the island will end tomorrow. The high commission spokeswoman said there had been no response from the Tigers to India's request that they hand over their weapons during the ceasefire.

"But the militants have not violated the ceasefire," she said. "There have been no incidents."

She said she could not comment on the rebel call for a permanent ceasefire and talks. "Any decision will be taken by New Delhi," she said.

About 50,000 Indian soldiers are in Sri Lanka to enforce an agreement, signed last year by President Junius Jayewardene and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, aimed at ending the five-

year-old Tamil secessionist revolt.

The spokeswoman said the request by Tamil civilians for an extension of the temporary ceasefire had been passed to New Delhi.

She said their request was made when the High Commissioner Jyotindra Nath Dixit visited Jaffna and Vavuniya at the weekend to assess conditions in the northern towns.

Dixit explained the benefit to Tamils of the peace accord and urged them to persuade militants to accept it, she said.

Military officials met leading citizens in the east.

"We want your help to reach those who remain obdurate," Major General A.K. Mehta, the Indian commander in Batticaloa district, told a citizens' meeting. "The ceasefire can be extended if there is proof that everybody wants such a climate to remain," he said, without elaborating.

The government today announced the beginning of the election process to a local administrative council in the Northeast Province, a move aimed at ending the five-year-old by Tamil rebels for a separate state.

The election department said in a statement that nominations for the 71 seats on the council would be received from Oct 3-10.

## Ozal threatens to quit if Turks reject referendum proposal

ANKARA, Sept. 19. (Reuters): The threat by Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal to quit office if he loses a referendum next week was widely seen today as a gamble to win votes.

"I can leave the prime ministry and politics depending on the result of the referendum," Ozal said on television yesterday as public opinion polls showed only 26 per cent of voters for him and 62 per cent against in the simple "yes" or "no" test.

Asked to clarify his comment, Ozal said: "Wait for the speech I will make on Sept 23 or 24." Sources in his ruling Motherland Party said he might quit if he got less than the 36 per cent vote which returned him to office last November.

"He did not commit himself," said an independent political source. "It will influence voting and make people look for viable alternatives to Ozal. There is hardly anyone at present."

Ozal, who said last week he would complete his five-year term, called the Sept 25 poll to ask 25 million Turkish voters to

change a minor article of the constitution.

It would bring local elections forward five months to November, but Ozal's opponents have widened its significance as a vote of confidence in the government.

"The main objective of the referendum is to show the world Turkey is a stable country dedicated to democracy," said Ozal.

But main opposition leader Erdal Inonu of the Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP) said Ozal was trying to win votes.

"People will vote according to their view of the government. Ozal is fond of toys but the constitution is not his toy."

The 60-year-old Ozal, a free-market leader and architect of economic liberalisation and increased democracy, applied in 1987 for full Turkish membership of the European Economic Community.

Opponents blame him for lower living standards spawned by inflation — now 78.4 per cent a year — and the Turkish lira's slide against the dollar. But political sources said an

SHP poll had revealed most Turks did not want a change of government. This backed a widely-held view of Ozal as possibly the only man able to lead Turkey through its current problems.

Ozal's that to resign shocked some of the Motherland Party's loose-knit groups, which range from religious right-wingers to Western-educated liberals. The referendum has further split the party.

Former Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit criticised Ozal's campaign as "very unsuitable behaviour in democratic terms."

"Ozal has connected both democracy and peace to his own personality," he said.

### Space shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Sept. 19. (AP): Outwardly, the space shuttle Discovery looks the same as it did when it last flew three years ago. Beneath the surface, however, are hundreds of design changes intended to make it safer.

## Egyptian helicopter fires at fishing boats

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (UPI): An Egyptian helicopter yesterday opened fire on two Gaza Strip fishing boats that entered Egyptian waters, wounding two fishermen and destroying one boat, state-run Israel Radio reported.

The helicopter fired on the boats off the Egyptian coast a short distance from the border of Egypt and the Israel-occupied Gaza Strip, the radio said.

One boat was destroyed, but it was not immediately known if its crew was rescued. Two fisher-

men in a second boat were wounded and hospitalised, the radio said.

One fisherman was arrested for entering Egyptian waters without permission, the radio reported.

Egyptian authorities had no information on the incident. An Israeli Army spokesman said he was checking the report.

On Sept 9, the Egyptian Navy seized an Israeli fishing boat and a tour boat in the Red Sea for straying into Egyptian waters.

## Lovemaking protest

SYDNEY, Australia, Sept. 19. (AP): Police halted a bizarre protest on Sydney's Bondi Beach yesterday when a young couple attempted to make love in public to show that disabled people can have normal sex lives.

About 300 spectators cheered as disabled activist Martin Stewart, who is blind, and his new wife Helen, began to remove their clothes and embrace under a blanket on an inflatable bed. The couple, from Melbourne,

said they wanted to show disabled people could have normal sexual relations.

After ignoring police warnings, the couple were dragged away. Stewart was naked from the waist down and his wife, who is not disabled, was clad only in panties and a bra.

Police said both were charged with offensive behaviour in public but were later released on bail.

## Junejo provided with police bodyguards

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 19. (KUNA): Former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo, who was attacked by his political opponents in the city of Khushab, Punjab on Friday, has been provided with bodyguards.

A detachment of 12 commandos from the Punjab police guarded him in Faisalabad, where he addressed a public rally yesterday.

The 56-year-old politician from Sind will also have the services of 100 armed private guards who will travel with him during his election campaign.

These private guards, known as Hurs, have been placed at his disposal by his spiritual leader Pir Pagara.

Junejo, who heads his own faction of the Pakistan Muslim

League (PML), in his speech at Faisalabad said: "We will bring all those people, who had made the murderous attack in Khushab, to book at the appropriate time." This was an indirect threat to the rival faction of the PML led by Fida Mohammad Khan.

Meanwhile, police yesterday questioned 11 people for attacking Junejo in Khushab.

They were arrested on Saturday on the orders of Punjab Chief Minister Mohammad Nawaz Sharif after President Ghulam Ishaque Khan asked him to find out the culprits and punish them appropriately.

The President also asked Sharif to take action against the security officials who failed to provide adequate protection to Junejo.

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# Electric power network focus of research project

By Jadranka Porter

THE Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD) yesterday launched a research project to examine the viability of linking the power grids of the 12 Asian Arab states with Egypt's power network.

If implemented, the project will result in a multi-billion dollar unified Arab power grid which scientists believe will reduce the investment and operational electricity production costs in individual countries.

The agreement was signed by AFESD Board Chairman Dr Abdul Latif Al Hamad, Dr Ahmed Al Jassar of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) and Dr Abdullah Dabbagh of King Fahd College of Petroleum and Minerals.

The study, financed by the AFESD, will be carried out by scientists from KISR and the King Fahd College in Saudi Arabia. It will take 30 months to complete.

Representatives from the countries concerned which include the GCC states, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan and the two Yemens, as well as Egypt met yesterday in Kuwait to discuss economic and technical aspects of the project.

**Secure**  
Al Hamad opened the session saying the project contributes to the joint Arab effort to develop electricity in the Arab world. AFESD got interested in the issue at the 1982 Arab Energy Conference, he said.

Al Jassar also addressed the opening session of the two-day meeting. He expressed confidence in the feasibility of the

project and its economic viability. The project will reduce the costs of expansion, he said.

Egypt, given its central geographical location in the Arab world, can act as a link between its eastern and western parts.

**Cost**  
The project will be greatly facilitated by the existing studies on the GCC common power grid, on the network unification between the two Yemens, and between Jordan and Egypt, said Dr Mervat Badawi of the AFESD. These studies were also financed by the AFESD.

The GCC governments approved the common grid project estimated to cost \$2 billion. The Yemen project is expected to cost \$70 million while the Jordan-Egypt common grid will cost between \$170

million and \$220 million.

Badawi said a common grid for the Arab world will secure a steady supply to individual countries and will reduce investment and operational costs in the long run.

She added that the final say on the project will come from the concerned governments.

Al Hamad said AFESD gave 30 loans to 12 Arab countries totalling \$550 million or 15.5 per cent of its total loans to the development of electricity. The other Arab Funds gave \$3.1 billion in loans to the Arab countries for construction of dams to generate hydro-electric power in addition to developing agriculture.

The Arab countries, in turn, allocated \$32 billion for electricity in the 1970-80 and \$46 billion in the 1980-85, he recalled.

## UAE ministers arrive in Egypt

CAIRO, Sept 19, (Reuters): Six ministers from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) arrived in Cairo today for political and economic consultations, including opening for UAE investments in Egypt.

The head of the team, Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Nahayan, said on arrival he hopes to boost co-operation with Egypt.

"The Emirates appreciate the deep and good relations between our two countries and hope they will be promoted further and further," he said.

The UAE delegation, which includes Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi and Minister of Economy and Trade Saif Ali Al Jarwan, is due to discuss investment proposals with Egyptian officials said.

The projects include UAE funding to reclaim 65,000 faddans (acres) of desert for agricultural use and the establishment of a joint company to build tourist villages.

Egypt and the UAE signed an economic accord in July designed to increase trade, investment and technical co-operation.

## Kuwaitis face problems leaving Soviet Union

MOSCOW, Sept 19, (KUNA): Arab passengers carried by the Soviet Airways (Aeroflot) and vacationing in the Soviet Union faced problems returning back this summer due to Aeroflot's disorderly system and the absence of co-ordination between main headquarters and offices abroad.

Complaints of Kuwaiti passengers returning home through Aeroflot centred on revocation of their reservations despite their round trip confirmed pre-reservations as shown in their airplane tickets.

**Confusion**  
Aeroflot claimed that passengers' return reservations did not mean their seats were confirmed as long as their names were not included in the airways' travellers list.

For the passengers, the outcome of such confusion was a loss of extra money because they stayed longer than they planned and had to buy new tickets via different routes to finally be able

to return home. The headaches came when passengers tried to extend their visas during the compulsory delay which was due to the negligence and carelessness of Aeroflot, passengers said.

**Agreement**  
Several cases of changing passengers' first class seats to the economy class without prior notice were reported.

Reliable sources indicated that the overload was caused by a

large number of emigrant Soviet Jews taking advantage of Aeroflot flights to the Gulf region, disembarking in Larnaca, Cyprus, and then heading for their destinations.

Arabian Gulf Travel Agencies in Kuwait and United Arab Emirates signed touristic agreements with the Soviet State Tourism Authority two years ago and Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) citizens started to flock here for vacations.

## Islamic council to meet today

CAIRO, Sept 19, (KUNA): The Chairman of International Islamic Charity Organisation, Yousef Al Haji, and the Director General of the Kuwait Zakat House, Fuad Al Omar will arrive here tomorrow to attend meetings of the founding body of the International Islamic Council for Da'wa (call) and Relief.

The council was established after two decisions by the Fourth

International Conference for the Prophet's Life held in Cairo in 1985 and the Higher International Council for Mosques held in Holy Makkah, Saudi Arabia in October last year.

The Sept 21-22 conference will focus on the council's bylaws and financial resources a chairman, his deputy and a secretary general will also be elected during the conference.

## Sudanese minister thanks Kuwaitis

SUDANESE Tourism and Hotels Minister Amin Bshir yesterday hailed the Kuwaiti response to the flood disaster that swept Sudan recently.

In an interview with local daily "Al Seyassah" published yesterday, the Sudanese minister said he greatly appreciates the support the Kuwaiti public and press gave the Sudanese people during the catastrophe. He said he also appreciates other Arab countries' stances which helped victims and led to an improvement in the situation.

The Sudanese flood victims currently need shelter before food, then equipment for combatting locusts which could endanger western Sudan's crops, he indicated.

He came to Kuwait to consult with Kuwaiti Hotels Co., which contributed a large sum for the flood victims in addition to KD 0.25 million for equipment.

Kuwaiti Hotels Co. is a partner with the Sudanese Tourism Ministry in Hilton Al Khartoum.

Meanwhile, Bshir expressed optimism about the tourism sector in his country, but added that improvement of internal affairs must come first, he said.

## Ferry fares announced

SEA transport fares from Kuwait to Falaika Island and vice-versa for passengers of Kuwait Public Transport Company's (KPTC) ferry boats are fixed as follows: half dinar per passenger for ferry boats carrying cars; one dinar per passenger for ordinary ferry boats; and a dinar and half for passengers of speed ferry boats.

The Chairman and Managing Director of KPTC, Abdul Wahab Al Haroun was quoted as saying these fares do not apply to the citizens of Falaika Island. These citizens will pay a unified tariff of half dinar per passenger irrespective of the type of ferry they use.

## Students plan Palestinian rally

THE Palestine Committee of Kuwait's Students Union at Kuwait University will hold a rally in support of the Palestinian national uprising in the occupied territories on Wednesday at the union premises in Al Khaldiya.

The rally will be held under the slogan, "Palestine of the sea," said Mohammed Al Dallal, chairman of the union.

## New postage stamps will be issued

THE Post Office Department of the Ministry of Communications has announced that a new set of postage stamps commemorating Arab Housing Day will be issued on Oct 3.

The stamps will show a number of houses and residents, indicating Kuwait's continuous housing development. The stamp design will also include a golden key, as a symbol of the assurance of housing for all citizens, according to a statement issued by the department.

## Swedish envoy optimistic about Iran-Iraq talks

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE Swedish ambassador to Kuwait said he hoped that the United Nations' efforts to end the Gulf war will bear fruit through peace talks between Iran and Iraq.

Ambassador Ulf Norstrom said he is confident that Jan Eliasson, the special representative of the UN secretary-general at the negotiations, will be able to push the talks to a successful end.

Norstrom also said Eliasson is one of the most seasoned diplomats and his experience will help in moving the talks to a successful settlement.

Sweden has contributed to the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG) which is monitoring the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran. Sweden has continually been sending its contingent to serve with the UN forces — mainly in the Middle East, Norstrom said.

**Reduction**  
Asked about the presence of Western navies in the Gulf after the ceasefire and whether they will withdraw, the ambassador emphasised that Sweden's concern is to see a reduction of general tension in the Gulf and the right of neutral shipping by unrestricted safe passage through international waters.

Sweden hopes to contribute to the reconstruction effort in the post-war Iran and Iraq, Norstrom said.

Both countries were major



Ulf Norstrom

trading partners with Sweden before the war. A steady flow of trade existed even during the war years, he added.

**Prohibits**  
Swedish industry has first-hand knowledge of the present situation in the two countries and their needs. Most Swedish companies stayed in Iran and Iraq during the war and they are now in a good position to contribute to reconstruction in both countries, the ambassador said.

Discussing weapons, Norstrom said the strong Swedish weapons were adapted to Swedish conditions such as climate, terrain and an army of conscripts. Therefore, Sweden produces its own weapons such as airplanes, artillery and small missiles for its own defence. Swedish legislation prohibits the export of weapons. However, Swedish weapons and ammuni-

tion can be sold abroad after government approval and Parliament has laid down very strict rules in this respect.

In recent years no export licences have been granted for weapons exports to Iran, Iraq, Kuwait or other countries in the Middle East.

**Relations**  
Commenting on relations with Kuwait, the Swedish ambassador said that Kuwait and Sweden are similar in many ways. Both are small neutral countries and they share the same general political philosophy about peace, disarmament and other global issues. There is also considerable exchange between the two countries in the economic and commercial fields. Sweden also encourages continued Kuwaiti investments. Kuwait's petroleum operations also seem to have been successful in the Swedish market. The Q8 sign is a familiar sight along the Swedish highways.

Sweden has a long and fruitful tradition of trading with Kuwait and other Gulf states, the ambassador said. Swedish products such as electrical and telecommunications equipment, pulp, paper, furniture and automobiles are sold in Kuwait.

The expected upswing in the economy of the Gulf after the Iran-Iraq war and the increased focus on Kuwait in this context will give new impetus to the Kuwaiti-Swedish relations in commerce and technology, he said.

## Arab Gulf states fear deadlock in peace talks

ONE month after the formal ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, Gulf Arab states have lost their initial euphoria amid fears of a prolonged deadlock in peace talks.

Iraqis danced in the streets and Kuwait declared a public holiday when the guns fell silent after eight years of war at dawn of Aug 20. Prices on the Kuwaiti stock market, the busiest in the region, soared.

But the mood was subdued in Iran, where leaders said they would celebrate only when Iraq had been declared the aggressor after a United Nations inquiry.

Continued hostility between Iran and Iraq was quickly evident in the peace talks that opened five days later in Geneva, only to stall on the first point.

**Drag**  
Euphoria in Gulf Arab states has given way to resignation that the current stand-off — neither war nor peace — may drag on, Western diplomats said.

Indefinite stalemate entails the risk of mounting frustration and a spark that could ignite a new round of fighting, they added.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on Sunday told an Arab women's delegation Iraq will persevere with peace efforts despite what he called Iranian attempts to procrastinate.

But Western diplomats said Iraq appears determined to press its military advantage to obtain territorial concessions from Iran in the UN-sponsored talks, due to resume in New York in October.

Iran, after a series of battlefield defeats, is equally determined not to make concessions that would be politically unacceptable at home, the diplomats said.

**Shipping**  
No fighting between the two sides has been reported since the ceasefire, but Iranian and Iraqi troops remain poised along the border. Nearly all foreign warships sent to protect neutral shipping still patrol the Gulf.

The enormous business possibilities for Gulf Arab firms in reconstruction in Iran and Iraq, which triggered record gains on the Kuwaiti Stock Market, remain on the drawing board.

Iraqi ships have navigated the Gulf with minimal interference from Iran, which said it will continue to intercept war cargo bound for Iraq until a comprehensive peace is signed.

Iran intercepted one Iraqi ship on the day the ceasefire took effect, but no further Iranian action in the Gulf has been reported.

Hussein later warned Iran that further interference with Iraqi shipping could restart the war.

but a senior Omani official, Ibrahim Sobhi, was quoted on Sunday as saying such threats were just part of the bargaining.

"The two sides have no thought of returning to war but suggestions of this are a means of pressure or bargaining," he told a United Arab Emirates (UAE) daily.

**Obstacle**  
Oman and other members of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the UAE — generally back Iraq and came under repeated Iranian military attack during the fighting.

The diplomats said a much thornier issue, that of sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab waterway dividing Iran and Iraq, remain a formidable obstacle to a true peace accord.

Iraq wants to scrap the 1975 Algiers agreement with Iran fixing their border in the middle of the Shatt and giving both countries navigation rights.

It claims total sovereignty over the river, sole water access to its second largest city of Basra, and wants it cleared immediately.

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# Nanda sings to create a better world

By Fahima Ahmed

YEARS of struggle have softened the heart of Sri Lankan singer Nanda Malini. Extreme poverty has given her determination. And 20 years of mass adulation has imparted renewed vigour to continue her mission — singing to create a better world.

"It is difficult to change the world through music but it is not futile to try," says Nanda as she talks about her fervent appeal for unity in Sri Lanka, which is torn by ethnic conflict. "May be, one day things will change," says Nanda hopefully, with a far away look in her eyes. Nanda wants to jolt people from their slumber to review the misery surrounding them.

"Dramatists and novelists write and actors perform to spread their message. I sing," she says.

## Message

Nanda's message is straightforward: remove hunger, poverty, disparity and religious differences. Sri Lankans listen to her, as was evident from the packed hall at a Kuwait hotel, where Nanda performed.

Nanda's recital of semi-classical music was arranged at short notice. The show was her 200th public performance.



Nanda Malini in performance.

Nanda is known in Sri Lanka as "pawana" or storm.

She stormed into the musical scene 23 years ago, singing her way into the hearts of the masses, revealing home truths, evoking a sense of nostalgia and touching hearts with her emotional melodies.

## Mission

"Everywhere you look you see disparity, inequality and hunger. If only we could share," she says.

A naturally gifted vocalist, she lovingly nurtured her voice over the years with hard work

and perseverance, despite drawbacks.

With no musical family background, she was at a distinct disadvantage. This did not deter the singer. When she was eight years old her teachers recognised her talent and encouraged her to perform at school ceremonies. This was the start of her career.

"I was determined to make it big," she says.

Inspired by the success of her peers in fine arts like Saratchandra, Sugatpal, Dayanand and D'Silva, she gave her first

public performance at the age of 16. She also studied music in Lucknow, India, to consolidate her knowledge of the art form. At 20, she got her big break, becoming a sensation in her native land.

She was on her way to success and a step ahead on the way to furthering her musical mission of unity.

And so she sang — "Pilimani Kanati" (some seek fame, others wealth, you seek immortality through your deeds).

She is committed to music but laments the lack of dedication of the younger generation of singers in her country.

"Their motive is to make a fast buck and disappear; they don't want to promote art for art's sake. They want fame and wealth," she moans.

Yet, she calls for support from the government for "dedicated artists, struggling to further arts and culture in my country."

## Awards

"Many talented people — singers, actors, musicians and writers — cannot concentrate on their art form because of pressing financial worries. The government must support them, remove their worries so that they can devote themselves to art," she says.

She sympathises with them because she herself experienced numerous hardships to fulfil her dream. Nanda admits she could not have achieved success if had she not been devoted.

Nanda's devotion has been amply rewarded. In the last two decades she has won six of the eight national awards for best singer and 11 of the 13 awards given at the Saraswathi Film Festival in Sri Lanka.

Nanda is also playing her part to maintain the musical culture in her country. Recently, she set up a school of music.

"I may not be able to produce hundreds of good singers. But a few of my pupils will become outstanding musicians," she predicts confidently.

Once on stage she establishes immediate rapport with the audience. "Nanda's music is disturbing, yet it is touching and appealing," says one of her fans. Perhaps, that is the secret of her success.

At the Kuwait concert Nanda was accompanied by a six-member orchestra and her two daughters, Varuni Rasaja and Ama Sarada. Sarada is following in her mother's footsteps and hopes to become a singer. The team returns home on Wednesday.

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

#### Kuwait Science Museum

DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

#### Islamic Arts Museum

SAT — THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

#### Tareq Rajab Museum

SAT — THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

#### Sadu House

SAT — THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, costumes and textiles. Closed on Friday.

### CINEMA

#### Cine Club

**Diwaniya**  
Sept 21: Cine Club, Bneid Al Qar, 6.30 pm. This week's film is entitled "All that Jazz", starring Roy Scheider, Jessica Lange, Ann Reinking, Leland Palmer and Cliff Gorman. The film won five 20th Century Fox awards in 1979. The diwaniya is open to members, their guests and invitees. For further details Tel: 2527409.

### EDUCATION

#### Books & software show

SEPT. 24-28: British Council, Mansouriyah, 9 am — 12.30 pm; 5 — 8 pm: Computers and Their Application, an exhibition of books and software. Selected titles on show. Organised by British Council in association with Kuwait Bookshops Company. All are welcome.

### THEATRE

#### KLT

SEPT 20/21: KLT, Ahmadi, 7.30 pm. Auditions for annual pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk. Those interested can attend audition at the theatre. The group needs volunteers to help backstage.

**Alice in Wonderland**  
SEPT 23: Kuwait English School, Salwa, 10 am: Kuwait Players will audition children — ages eight to 12 — for eight

roles in the musical fantasy, Alice in Wonderland. It will be performed in January next year.

SEPT 25/26: KES, Salwa, 7.30 pm: Audition for adults (14 roles) for Alice in Wonderland.

Those attending auditions — adults and children — are requested to call 564-0102 in advance.

#### Konkani Drama

OCT. 7: IAC, Funaitees, 4 pm: Konkani drama entitled "Xim Vo Ximite?", featuring the Mendes Brothers. Entry passes available at Raja Stores.

### MUSIC

#### Indian Ballet

SEPT 22: 7.00 pm, at IAC, Funaitees: Narthana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs Pramela Suren-dran, will stage a ballet, Panchavadi, and Nrithaslipas at its annual show. Admission will be strictly limited. For free passes, call 4337608.

#### Ahmadi Music Society

SEPT 24: 7.30 pm, KLT, Ahmadi. Rehearsals commence for the Society's annual concert. Scheduled to be held on Dec 11, 12 and 13. New-comers are welcome. For details Tel: 391-2384; 398-3964; 390-1782.

#### Country Western Musical

SEPT 27: Gala Night of KLT and ACT's annual Country Western Musical 7.30 pm at KLT, Ahmadi.

SEPT 28 and 29, night shows, 8 pm.

SEPT 30: matinee at 5 pm. For bookings call 5727558; 5712033; 5620332.

#### East meets West

OCT 6: IAC, 6.30 pm: "East meets West", a musical evening, by The Fams, Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. Lead vocalist: Susan Rego. For entry by passes Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC — 3904817.

#### Beat Show

OCT 14: IAC, 3.30 pm: Kuwait Goan Beat Show: four hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. Organised by the Kuwait Goans.

#### Guitar Recital

OCT 19: German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Cordin will give a recital at the Kuwait Hilton. "Hymns of Eternity", one of Cordin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert

along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

### SOCIAL

#### Kuwait Players

**Poolside BBQ**  
SEPT 21: Messilah Beach Hotel, 8 pm: Kuwait Players poolside BBQ. All prospective members and newcomers to Kuwait are welcome. Tickets — KD2 per person. For reservations Tel: 394-1572.

#### Varca Sporting Centre

SEPT 22: SAS Hotel's Tent, 8 pm: Varca Sporting Centre's third annual social evening. Music by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. Highlights: Beauty Queen contest, ideal couple contest, fancy dress, games and Bingo. For reservations and details, contact Maqbool — 471-2900, Albert 241-0461, or James 5331940.

#### Contact

SEPT 24, SAS Hotel, 10.30 am: Contact Ladies Information Group meeting. New-comers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. For details phone 487-4513 or 5388105.

#### Sounds Great Party

SEPT 29: Messilah Beach Hotel, 8 pm: Sounds Great group's "Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait" dance party. Music by Top Ranks and Juke Box band. Twist competition, and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870. New-comers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

#### D'Assisi Association

OCT 7: Holy Family Cathedral, 8 am: D'Assisi Association's 8th annual thanksgiving mass. All ex-students are welcome. For details phone Augustin — 574-6754 after 6 pm or Henry — 3291909 (am).

#### Goan Fiesta 88

OCT 13: Messilah Beach Hotel, Habiba Ballroom: Goan Fiesta 88 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goan Association. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For details Tel: 481-3740.

#### Kapilku/Flassik

OCT 22: SAS Hotel's Tent, 6 pm: Kapilku and Flassik will celebrate their seventh anniversary. For details phone Edna — 563-4200; Florence — 243-9451; Jojo — 903-9593.

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### SPORTS

#### Inter-Commercial

**Bowling League**  
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SEPT 23: 300 Club, 1 pm: Men's Division — Phil Supreme vs Al Qabandi; Al

#### Naqeeb & Khattar vs Satellite.

Haid Ligaya vs PPA. Women's Division: 9 am: Magnolia vs Far East Rest.; Boodai Aviation vs Gad's Kay & Asso.

#### PBAK Grand Prix

SEPT 23: 300 Club, 5.30 pm: Six game grand prix bowling tournament opens. First Group (24 bowlers) plays from 5.30 to 7.30 pm; second group (24 bowlers) plays from 8 to 10 pm.

SEPT 30: Third group (24 bowlers) will play from 5.30 to 7.30 pm.

Deadline for registration is Sept 21 at 300 Club. For further details phone Sarah Macarim-bang — 484-3447.

#### Windsurfing Regatta

OCT 7: MBH Windsurfing Regatta. Open to men, women and teams. Entry forms available from Marine Centre (Tel: 5755960); Qabazard Marine (Tel: 5730442); Sultan Centres and Al Boom Marine (Tel: 4830570). For further details phone 5624111 ext 751/759.

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CALLING players — men and women — to join Kuwait International Softball League. Contact Steve Diemer — Tel: 531-5246 or Vic Mason Tel: 5728931. Ladies wishing to join the Ladies League call Rita Diemer — Tel: 5315246.

#### Boy's Own Club

OCT. 22/23: Boy's Own Club will hold a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday. Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe 4813622.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

3.30 Holy Quran  
3.35 Heidi: cartoon serial  
4.10 World News via Satellite  
4.40 Fursan Al Hikmah: "Dua Min Al Qalb." Arabic serial, with Mohammad Dafa-awi, Midhat Saleh, Hamza Shimi.  
5.40 Cartoons  
6.10 Summer '88  
7.05 Songs and Music  
7.30 Cultural Show  
8.00 Faces and Events: prepared and presented by Adel Malek.  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Al Shara'a Maktour: Arabic serial, starring Hassan Yusuf, Nawal Al Futouh, Mustafa Fahmi, Osama Abbas.  
10.50 A Talk with Ahsan Abdul Qudus: hosted by Mufeeda Fawzi.  
12.05 News Summary  
12.10 World News via Satellite, followed by Holy Quran/Closedown.

### KTV 2

4.30 Holy Quran  
4.35 Cartoons  
5.00 Daily report from Seoul Olympics.  
6.14 Rubick  
6.36 The Seal Morning: Part IV.  
7.00 The Australian Ark



Magnum P.I. (Tom Selleck) on KTV 2

8.00 News in English  
8.30 You and the Law: local show  
8.50 Magnum: "L. A. Part One. Magnum's girl-friend is involved with a deadly gang and the private eye tries to help her. Starring: Tom Selleck.  
9.30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites: French series with Arabic sub-titles. Wilbur Wright arrives in Paris.  
10.00 Perfect Strangers: "Hello Elaine." Larry's sister joins the cousins and declares her intention to study music. Larry is against the idea; Balki supports

Elaine. Comedy.  
10.30 B/W feature film: "The House Across the Bay." While waiting for her jail-bird husband to come out, a singer falls for an aircraft designer; the husband hears of this, seeks revenge. Starring: George Raft, Walter Pidgeon, Joan Bennett. (1940). Duration: 70 minutes.  
12.00 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

### BBC World Services

0000 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Radio Newswel  
30 Beethoven (ex 20th and 27th New Music)  
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook  
30 Short Story  
45 Language Extra  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Network UK  
30 Sports International  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The World Today  
30 John Peel  
0400 Newsdesk  
30 Without Strings (ex 20th and 27th Sportsworld)  
45 Reflections  
50 Financial News  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 New Ideas  
45 Book Choice  
45 The World Today  
0600 Newsdesk  
30 Celluloid Rock  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Language Extra  
45 Network UK  
0800 World News  
09 Reflections

15 Health Matters (ex 27th Tech Talk)  
30 Beethoven (ex 20th and 27th New Music)  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 The World Today  
30 Financial News followed by Sport  
45 English Songsmiths (ex 20th and 27th Sportsworld)  
1000 News Summary followed by Discovery  
30 Sports International  
1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Wavguide  
25 Book Choice  
30 Citizens  
1200 Radio Newswel  
15 Multitrack 1: Top 20  
45 Sports Roundup  
1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Network UK (ex 20th and 27th Sportsworld)  
45 Recording of the Week  
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News  
45 Without Strings (ex 27th)  
1500 Radio Newswel  
15 A Jolly Good Show  
1600 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Omnibus  
45 The World Today  
1700 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Citizens  
45 Sports Roundup  
1800 Newsdesk  
30 Development '88

1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary  
39 Stock Market Report  
45 Report on Religion (ex 20th and 27th Sportsworld)  
2000 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Meridian  
2100 News Summary followed by Country Stories  
15 Juste Plain Madness (ex 16th Guitar Workshop)  
30 The Cross and the Crescent (ex 27th Every Poem an Epitaph)  
2200 World News  
09 The World Today  
15 Book Choice  
30 Financial News  
48-Reflections  
45 Sports Roundup  
2300 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Concert Hall (ex 6th and 13th From the Proms)

### Urdu

1900 Opening  
1910 Behetren Quil  
1916 Programme Preview  
1920 Songs  
1935 Press Report  
1940 Radio Club  
2000 News  
2020 Songs  
2040 Jahan Numan  
2100 Closedown

## CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
Alligator  
Starring: Robert Forrester, Henry Sullivan

**Al Salmiya**  
Trancers  
Starring: Tim Thomson, Helen Hunt

**Al Hamra**  
Mines of Kilimanjaro  
Starring: Christopher Connelly

**Drive-In**  
Nahar Al Khauf (Arabic)  
Starring: Noora, Mahmood Abdul Aziz, Salah Qabil

**Al Firdous**  
Mahaveera (Hindi)  
Starring: Dharmendra, Dimple, Raj Kumar, Anita Raj

**Fahaeel Open-Air**  
Pyasa Sawan (Hindi)

**Al Fahaeel**  
Police Academy IV  
Starring: Robert Forrester, Henry Sullivan

**Al Jahra**  
Lakhi Badhu (Bengali)  
Starring: Tim Thomson, Helen Hunt

**Granada**  
Ezutha Purangal (Malayalam)  
Starring: Tim Thomson, Helen Hunt

**Sabaikhat**  
Le Gendarme et Les Extra Terrestres  
Starring: Tim Thomson, Helen Hunt

**Ahmadi Drive-In**  
Al Police Al Nisayi (Arabi)

**PRAYERS**  
Fajr 4.16 am  
Zuhr 11.41  
Asr 3.09 pm  
Maghreb 5.46  
Isha 7.03

## NIGHT CHEMIST

**Kuwait**  
Al Watan Pharmacy  
Jawharat Al Khaleej Bldg., Fahad Al Salem St.  
Al Sharg Al Jedid Pharmacy  
Opp. Science Museum, Safat Square

**Hawalli and Nagra**  
Al Noora Pharmacy  
Othman St., Nagra

**Salmiya and Rumaythiya**  
Al Quds Pharmacy  
Abdul Karim Mazal Bldg., Amman St.

**Fahaeel and Ahmadi**  
Al Sadaf Pharmacy  
Makkah St., F heel



## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

TIME cools, time clarifies; no mood can be maintained quite unaltered through the course of hours — Thomas Mann, German writer (1875-1955).

## Palestinian uprising

## Opinions on Army's handling differ

By Mary Sedor

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (AP): An Israeli reserve soldier, writing in his diary, sharply criticised the Army's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, saying troops were taught to beat Arabs with "dry blows" causing pain but drawing no blood.

Another Israeli wrote in a separate account that his reserve duty in the Gaza Strip's Jabalya refugee camp convinced him that despite occasional aberrations, soldiers were "restrained and noble men."

The conflicting accounts mirror the broad differences in how Israelis view the Army's role in trying to quell a 9-month-old Palestinian uprising in the territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war.

Since the uprising began Dec 8, 2000 Palestinians and six Israelis have died. Israel's use of troops has resulted in accusations of brutality from abroad, but the Jewish state says no unnecessary force is being used.

"The Israeli Army remains one of the most decent in the world," one of the soldiers, American-born free-lance writer Louis Rapoport, wrote in the daily Jerusalem Post of his 30 days patrolling the crowded camp of 70,000 refugees last June.

**Callousness**  
But the other soldier, British-born educator Jonathan Kestenbaum, described a "tremendous callousness" among many of the soldiers he served with in the West Bank village of Qabatiyyeh in August.

"Among the soldiers, there is a depressing routine of almost wild abandon," Kestenbaum wrote in his diary. "Everybody here makes up their own rules."

Kestenbaum described an encounter with an Israeli guard at a detention centre in Jenin, north of Jerusalem in excerpts of his diary, which also appeared in the Jerusalem Post.

"How many dogs have you brought?" Kestenbaum asked the guard as asking him when he arrived with a group of teenage detainees.

Said Kestenbaum in his diary: "Once the man opposite you is a dog, anything goes."

In another excerpt Kestenbaum said he and others in his unit were given three days of special training. "The three days

were an attempt to teach us, among other things, how to administer 'dry blows,'" he wrote. "What are dry blows — blows that don't draw blood."

A month after the uprising began, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin ordered troops to use "force, power and blows" to put down the demonstrations.

Rapoport conceded troops were sometimes responsible for "accidents or misjudgments," including a case where an Israeli soldier made a firebomb and intended to hurl it at Arab demonstrators. His officers confiscated the weapon.

But, he wrote, many soldiers were frustrated by the fact that the Palestinians were winning a propaganda war by sending boys as young as 9 years old to the front lines of stone-throwing riots to take on armed troops.

"The scores of men in the reserve company I served with... are portrayed in the world media as part of a Goliath machine versus little David with his puny stones," Rapoport wrote.

Addressing the same issue, Kestenbaum wrote of the death of a 15-year-old Palestinian, killed by a member of his unit: "Why are we using live bullets on teenagers throwing stones?"

**Chasing**  
Kestenbaum described chasing a 9-year-old boy who broke a 30-day curfew to try to retrieve bread from a gutter and rounding up a group of elderly Palestinians who sneaked to the fields at night to pick a bucket of tomatoes rotting in the fields.

"Our jeep springs into action, chasing this family as if the very future of our country depended on it. We corner them," Kestenbaum wrote. "At which point the old woman, 90 years old, falls to her knees, kisses my hand and begs me not to (detain) her. 'We really needed tomatoes,' she says."

"These are vulgar, unnecessary situations, which humiliate them and degrade us," Kestenbaum added.

Both Kestenbaum and Rapoport described the shooting deaths of Palestinians during their tours, but had markedly different reactions to the killings.

"I doubt whether any other Army in the world... would act with more restraint," Rapoport said, adding that he considered the Arab fatalities in the uprising to be "remarkably low, given the scale of the revolt."

## Fighting in Afghanistan

## Soviets adopted a scorched earth policy

By Edward Girardet

JAGI DISTRICT, Afghanistan: The farms at the base of the snow-capped Safed Koh Range in eastern Afghanistan's Pakia Province have been abandoned since the early days of the 1979 Soviet occupation.

Most of the villages were turned to rubble from repeated aerial and artillery bombardments in what most analysts say was a deliberate Soviet policy to destroy the agricultural base in resistance-held areas.

The terraced fields, their walls crumbling from lack of maintenance, are thickly overgrown with weeds. The irrigation canals are little more than shallow depressions in the grounds. The only animals to be seen are the goats and camels of a group of passing nomads. The livestock graze at risk because of the thousands of mines planted by the communist security forces.

The story is similar throughout Afghanistan. A Peshawar-based relief agency released a report which claims to be the "most comprehensive survey of agriculture in Afghanistan ever conducted in peace or war." The survey, which was long awaited by the international aid community, is considered critical for the reconstruction of Afghanistan.

**Production**  
According to the survey, farm production has fallen drastically to between 45 per cent and 50 per cent of levels prior to the Soviet invasion. "Our report shows a consistent decline in all regions," said Azam Gul, the American-educated director of the agricultural survey and former chairman of the Department of Agronomy at Kabul University.

The survey also indicates that crop yields have declined by 25 to 30 per cent, due to difficulties in obtaining fertilizers and new seed varieties. The report also notes an acute shortage of oxen needed to till the soil.

The report concludes that present agricultural production in Afghanistan is insufficient to support the existing population, let alone over 5.5 million returning refugees. Professor Gul estimated that it could take two or three years to rebuild the infrastructure to produce enough food, but that much would depend on the security situation.

"Security is the main problem. It will be difficult to carry on reconstruction if there is still fighting," he said. He also observed that Afghans would have to contend with between 3 million and 5 million mines dispersed in the countryside.

The survey was conducted over a 12-month period in resistance-held areas and 49 Pakistani refugee camps. It was based on interviews with 20,000 families in 1,300 rural communities.

**Risks**  
According to Gul, the survey did not include areas controlled by the government because of the risks involved. The 68 researchers who infiltrated Afghanistan faced enormous risks when working inside. Even in peacetime, they would have to travel by foot and by horse across mountainous and desert terrain in many areas, but the war made it exceptionally hazardous.

"One (researcher) was shot. Another got caught by the Kabul government and is still in jail, and 12 got ambushed," Gul said.

The Christian Science Monitor.

## Gender gap in US elections

## Bush is not popular among women voters

By Evert C. Ladd

WASHINGTON: As far as we can tell, men and women never voted very differently in any presidential election prior to 1980. When there was a trace of difference, women were often a bit more Republican. For example, in both 1952 and '56, Dwight D. Eisenhower bettered his overall showing by about three percentage points among women but did three points less well among men, according to Gallup's post-election surveys.

In the 1980 campaign, however, polls regularly showed a substantial gender gap, with women voting much more Democratic. A Gallup trial heat in May pairing Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, for example, put the two candidates even among men (Carter up by one point) but Carter well ahead among women (up 18 points) — a gender gap of 17 points.

Its precise size varied from poll to poll, but a gap was always present, always in the same direction. And, in fact, women voted more Democratic than men in 1980 and '84.

Now, as campaign '88 heads into its stretch run, the gender gap again ranks among group differences seen as possibly decisive to the outcome. Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis is stronger among women than among men; Republican George Bush appears much weaker among women.

At times during Ronald Reagan's presidency, some observers have identified his

"macho" image and — to critics, at least — macho policies as the source of persisting men-women differences in his support. If that were so, however, the gender gap might have been expected to close in 1988. Far from being faulted for overassertiveness, George Bush has been criticised as having too "soft" a personality.

But the gap hasn't closed. Bush has confronted one as large as or greater than Reagan faced at the same time in 1980.

Nor is the gender gap confined to presidential politics. In the last two off-year congressional elections, women have given Democratic candidates somewhat bigger margins than men have.

Party identification also shows sustained male-female differences. For example, four surveys taken between February and June 1988 for the Americans Talk Security (ATS) project found men dividing evenly in party loyalties — 32 per cent Democratic, 32 per cent Republican, and 36 per cent independent. Women, though, were clearly more Democratic: 40 per cent identified themselves as Democrats, just 29 per cent as Republicans, and 31 per cent as independents.

**Survey**  
A survey taken in June by Hamilton, Frederick and Schneider found that black men and women were both heavily Democratic, but white men and women differed substantially: Among the men, Republicans outnumbered Democrats by 10 percentage points, while among the women Democrats led by



George Bush

about the same margin.

Some of the gender gap in partisanship may be due simply to personal attributes of recent candidates. Research indicates, however, that the bulk of it stems from differences of interest and outlook that separate men and women. The sequence of events is clear: First, men and women began manifesting patterned differences on certain issues; and then they began voting somewhat differently, in directions dictated by party positions.

Ironically, on so-called women's issues — such as abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment, and voting for women for high public office — male-female differences have been modest. Surveys have consistently shown, for example, only slight differences on abortion, with a modestly higher proportion of men than women backing abortion under various specified circumstances.

On many social issues women have remained a bit more conservative than men. On issues involving the use of force — an

area of longstanding men-women differences — the gap has remained substantial, but probably no greater than it had been over the preceding half century. The changes, and the apparent sources of the gender gap, are elsewhere.

## Differences

Perhaps the most striking area of male-female differences in outlook involves confidence in the system. Again and again, beginning in the mid to late 1970s, women have said they are less certain that the country will be strong and prosperous in the future, and less certain that the society will solve its problems and function successfully.

Asked in late May of this year, for example, whether "you feel things in this country are moving in the right direction, or do you feel things are pretty seriously off on the wrong track," a slight plurality of men said "right direction," but a large plurality of women said "wrong track." The "confidence gap" is greatest among younger men and women, ages 18 to 39.

If members of a group feel vulnerable and threatened, or if they find themselves thrust into situations where presently available services and protections seem inadequate, they are likely to look to government for help. Women now look to government more than men do. In a CBS News/New York Times survey in May, for example, 56 per cent of the men respondents opted for smaller government, while a plurality of women, 46 per cent endorsed more services.

The huge expansion over the past quarter century in the num-

ber of women in the work force, which added new demands and problems as well as providing new opportunities, may have contributed to women's greater sense of need for governmental assistance. In addition, the growth in female-headed, single-parent families undoubtedly adds to the dissatisfaction among women.

The gender gap is real, but the question of how much it is likely to determine the outcome of the 1988 presidential election is still hard to assess.

## Majority

On the one hand, women are a majority of the American electorate, so anything that moves their vote in a given direction has to be important. Census data show that women are 52 per cent of those 18 years and older — outnumbering men by 7.5 million. Add to this the fact that in 1984 women for the first time voted in a slightly higher proportion than men, and one readily sees the women's vote as a major electoral factor.

But gender differences need to be put into perspective. Many social groups vote differently. Herbert Weisberg, a political scientist at Ohio State University, analysed survey data collected by the Centre for Political Studies at the University of Michigan and concluded: "When one examines voting in the 1984 election, one finds the largest voting differences on the basis of race and income, followed by differences based on marital status, religion, gender, and region." In a close election any one of these factors might in some real sense be decisive. Gen-

der differences still are by no means the largest group differences.

It should be noted that a candidate has never won the presidency without getting at least a plurality (if not an absolute majority) among both men and women.

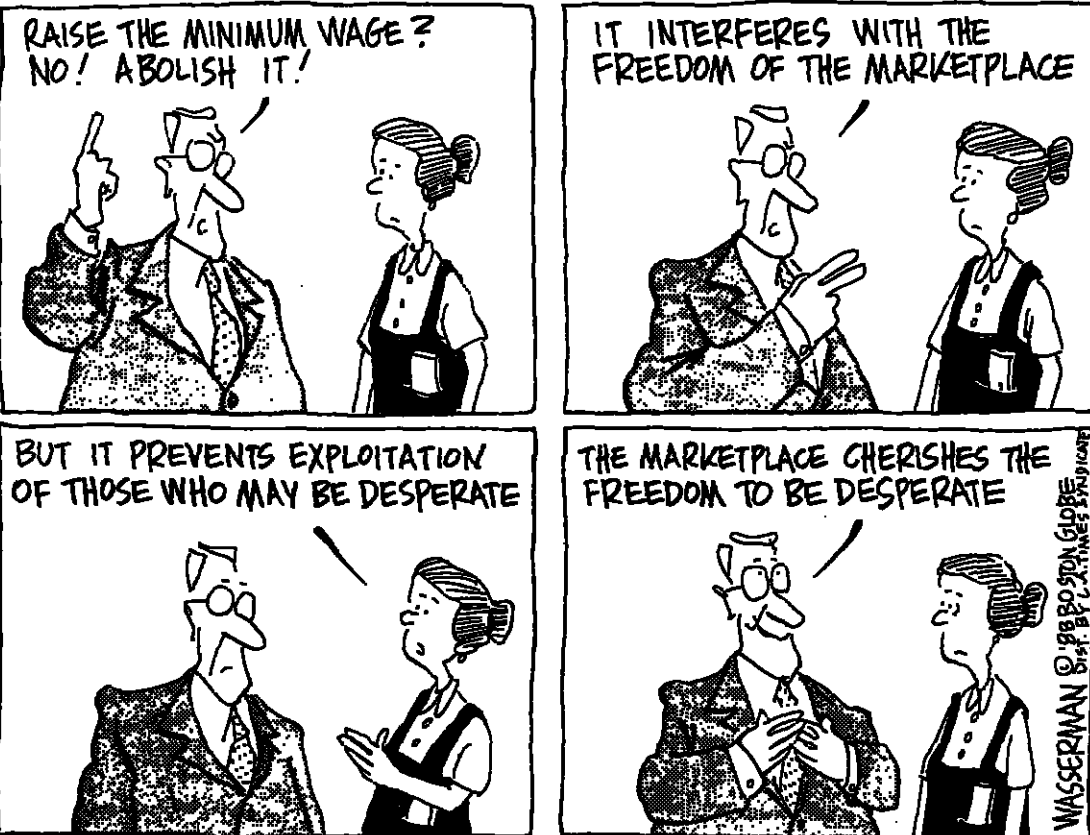
Gender differences were significant in the last two presidential elections, with Reagan doing less well among women. But surveys say he would have won if only women comprised the electorate.

This may change in 1988, of course. For the first time, we may have an election where a majority of men vote Republican, a majority of women Democratic. But such a result can't confidently be predicted.

Both Michael Dukakis and George Bush will be trying to gain a majority — among men and women alike — and one of them may well succeed.

Finally, the gender gap can be read both ways — as reflecting a Democratic advantage among women, or a Republican advantage among men. The February to June ATS surveys showed Republicans' outnumbering Democrats by 39 to 26 per cent among men, but trailing 32 to 37 per cent among women in the 18-to-29 age bracket. Which is the more striking figure, the GOP's 13-point margin on the male side or the Democrats' 5-point margin among women?

What is clear is that gender has now taken its place among the group differences that are a regular and significant part of the US political scene. The Christian Science Monitor.



## International drug war

## US is driven into defensive

By Bernd Debusmann

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): The United States, fighting on two fronts, is being overwhelmed by superior forces in the war against the multi-billion dollar trade in illicit drugs.

On the home front, the government has had scant success in diminishing the vast army — an estimated 23 million Americans — whose demand for drugs has spurred Third World suppliers to produce cocaine and heroin for the rich US market.

Abroad, government figures indicate, the United States has won some battles but failed to achieve its strategic aim of wiping out drugs crops, cutting supply lines, and crippling the sophisticated criminal empires which control the drug trade.

"We are being outgunned, outmaneuvered, and outspent... by international criminal organisations that recognise no boundaries," said Ann Wroblewski, assistant secretary of state for international narcotics matters at the State Department.

Wroblewski's Bureau of International Narcotics Matters (INM) plays a leading role in deciding how to deal with countries which grow marijuana, coca leaf, the raw material for cocaine, and opium poppy, from which heroin is made.

Colombia, Peru and Bolivia provide the cocaine used in the United States, although other Latin American and Caribbean countries are involved in drug processing and trafficking. Mexico is the biggest single source of heroin.

Those four main producer nations say Washington is asking them to carry an unfair burden in the war on drugs. They charge that the United States has failed to curb domestic demand and is insensitive to the plight of hundreds of thousands of peasants whose livelihood depends on drug crops.

In a recent interview with Reuters, Wroblewski rejected sug-

gestions of US financial aid in crop substitution and building rural infrastructures to allow Latin American peasants to grow and market corn or soya instead of coca.

"Why should the US pay compensation? We compensate marijuana growers in California for fields that are destroyed. Why should we take a different attitude in Bolivia?"

US policies under the Reagan administration have emphasised law enforcement, eradication of drug fields abroad and interception and seizure of smuggled drugs.

According to a recent White House report, the US spent more than 7.5 times as much on enforcement, eradication and interception than on efforts to reduce demand between 1981 and 1986: \$12.5 billion compared with \$1.65 billion.

For many narcotics experts, such figures mean the United States has been fighting in the wrong places, with the wrong weapons.

**Prices**  
The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reports that areas under cultivation for drug crops in Latin America have grown relentlessly. Stable or falling US prices for cocaine and heroin indicate the flood of drugs continues unabated.

"One field of coca bushes is destroyed somewhere in South America, another one is planted just as quickly. One drug kingpin is arrested and extradited to the US, another takes his place," said DEA spokesman Robert Feldkamp.

Narcotics officials agree that the arrest of Colombian drug lord Carlos Lehder, sentenced to life imprisonment plus 135 years in Florida, has not dented cocaine shipments.

Drugs are a key topic in the presidential campaign, and a new drug bill, yet to come to the Senate, emphasises discouraging drug use. A bill to apply the death penalty in certain drug-linked murders is also likely to become

law. But narcotics agents are as wary of campaign promises as they are of election year bills. Those in the front line of the war tend to view politicians with suspicion.

"Every election year" grumbled one senior DEA agent, drug issues surface from the bottom of priorities to number one. Look at the 1986 (congressional) elections. They passed a bill that promised more money. A year later, with everybody safely re-elected, they cut \$100 million from the Coast Guard.

**Patrols**  
"That reduced coast guard patrols by half. At the same time, money was cut from education programmes. Now, the Coast Guard is getting an additional \$60 million. The net cut is still \$40 million."

Campaign statements by Vice-President George Bush, the Republican Party candidate in the Nov 8 elections, suggest that he favours continuing the policies of the Reagan administration.

Bush's Democratic rival, Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis, is expected to place priority on developing a national version of a programme in his state which expanded drug education and improved treatment of addicts.

Some independent analysts predict that once elected, either of the candidates would face tremendous pressure to crack down on the supply side abroad.

Ted Carpenter, of the Cato Institute, a Washington think tank, said politicians could be tempted to turn to methods likely to get media attention: "Browbeating other governments, for example. Education, in contrast, is not visible."

Two recent opinion polls underscore the point: In one survey, more Americans named drugs the nation's most urgent problem than any other issue. In a second poll, four out of five favoured using the armed forces to stop drug smuggling.

By Michael Goldsmith

ALGIERS, Algeria, (AP): Soaring 300 feet (100 metres) into the air on the heights overlooking Algiers is a monument to the heroes of the national liberation struggle. The three intertwining concrete leaves are of Polish design and Canadian execution.

In neighbouring Morocco, a French engineering company is erecting the world's largest mosque. In Tunisia, a Dutch company is draining the evil-smelling lake between the capital and its wealthy suburbs.

In Mauritania, French engineers operate the iron mines and the railroad providing the country's main source of income. In Libya, it is axiomatic that only foreigners do manual work.

## Unity

The first three decades of independence have left a strong dependence on foreigners and a vague legacy of disappointment among the 68 million inhabitants of the five North African Arab countries — the "Maghreb".

No one dares question the wisdom of going it alone. But citizens in the five countries are asking themselves whether their leaders have gone the right way about getting the most out of their sovereignty.

This public discussion has provided the context for the current debate on unity. The five North African leaders met in

## Maghreb nations seeking unity

Algiers in June and agreed to work toward a confederation.

Tunisia and Libya hurriedly restored the diplomatic relations they had broken over Libya's expulsion of more than 30,000 Tunisian workers three years earlier. Algeria and Morocco patched relations suffering over a power struggle in the Western Sahara.

Morocco's King Hassan II is a fervent advocate of creating a North African community of close economic and political ties, modelled on the European Economic Community. His arguments won the day.

Ultimately, the five countries, whose combined 2,341,000 square miles (6,295,803 square kms) accounts for roughly 20 per cent of the African continent's area, overcame recent slights and historic enmities and worked out a plan for a greater Maghreb confederation. It is only on paper so far, and all the real work remains to be done.

Closer co-operation has eluded the five countries despite a number of similarities — some positive, others worrisome.

Formal names to the contrary, none of the five countries can be described as democratic, with the exception of Morocco, none has had a genuinely free election since the end of colonial rule.

Algeria, a "Democratic People's Republic" has been run autocratically for most of the time since independence from France in 1962 — first by Col Houari Boumedienne, then by his successor, Chadli Bendjedid, who took control in 1979.

Tunisia shook off the 32-year dictatorship of its "president for life," Habib Bourguiba last year, only to fall into a more moderate form of autocratic rule under Zine El Abidine Ben Ali.

**Democracy**  
Morocco has a limited form of democracy, but King Hassan II is the supreme arbiter of all political events.

Libya is known as the "jama'hiriya" or republic. Moammar Khaddafi is its heaven-sent ruler, and no one dares oppose him. Mauritania has plunged from one military coup into another.

Islam remains a common link for the region. From Tobruk in Eastern Libya to Dakhla in the Western Sahara, Muezzin can be heard calling the faithful to prayer.

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"The process that is taking

place in the Soviet Union is very interesting, but I vacillate between extreme optimism and pessimism," he said.

"Personally I feel cheerful when I read the press and I see that there are a lot of changes, there is more openness. But at the same time I see that there are still many, many traces, spiritual sons of Stalin."

"There are many of them. It won't be that easy to erase Stalin's footprints."

## Grandson wants to clear Trotsky's name

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 480 — Greeks defeat Persians in naval battle of Salamis in Aegean Sea.
- 1519 — Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan sets sail from Spain on global voyage to find Western passage to the Indies. One of his ships circles the world.
- 1530 — Martin Luther advises German Protestant princes to prepare for war rather than to accept compromise with Holy Roman Empire.
- 1857 — Delhi in India is captured by British after siege since June.
- 1870 — National unification of Italy is achieved.
- 1945 — All-India Congress Committee under Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru meets and rejects British proposals for self-government, calling on British to quit India.
- 1960 — Thirteen newly independent African nations and former British colony of Cyprus are admitted to United Nations.
- 1962 — Southern Rhodesia declares Zimbabwe African People's Union as unlawful body.
- 1963 — US President John F. Kennedy goes before UN General Assembly and proposes joint US-Soviet expedition to moon.
- 1972 — Explosive devices concealed in envelopes and mailed to Israeli officials are discovered in at least six cities around world.
- 1974 — Estimated death toll is put at thousands as hurricane lashes Central American nation of Honduras.
- 1977 — Vietnam is admitted to United Nations.
- 1978 — South Africa's Prime Minister John Vorster announces his resignation.
- 1987 — Indian government warns Tamil rebel groups in Sri Lanka to end bloody feuding that has marred peace efforts.





Jackson (left) has a rebuilt chin, and (right) the famous Peter-Pan profile. Some surgeons say his nose is beginning to show signs of drooping and may need to be rebuilt for a third time.

Plastic surgeons say his face is degenerating

# The changing face of Michael Jackson

By Garry Jenkins

THE much photographed, much worked on face of superstar Michael Jackson was the centre of attention again last week.

For once his re-modelled features were not masked by heavy sunglasses, pollution-repelling handkerchief or stage make-up.

And the naked truth recalled reports from American plastic surgeons who have said that Jackson's face, starved of bone-building minerals, is degenerating.

In London, the star's Peter Pan profile was a disappointment for his fans when he made a rare personal appearance. His skin was blotchy and glistening with sweat. His cheeks and his rebuilt chin were puffy and a coin-shaped plaster decorated his cheek.

Jackson was posing for photographs at a hotel where he was collecting an award from Wembley Stadium for an unprecedented seven nights.

Some plastic surgeons say his nose is beginning to show signs of drooping and may need to be rebuilt for a third time.

However, a British plastic



How he has changed over the years via plastic surgery.

surgeon detected only 'miniscule' changes when he inspected

recent pictures. "There is a little hining but the essential nose is

the same," said Harley Street specialist Mr John Chettrumpf.



Michael Jackson: is his face really crumbling?

Comparing the pictures with ones charting the changes in Jackson's face over the past five years, he said: "There might be miniscule changes compared with photos taken in, say, 1985. This could be loss of weight — and that would be understandable given the energy he expends on stage — or it could be the maturing of the plastic surgery."

All in all, Mr Chettrumpf gave the battle-scarred Jackson face the all-clear. "I actually think he looks more mature and more rugged," he said.

In the past a string of operations unlikely to have cost less than 100,000 dollars have altered Jackson's looks. His skin has been lightened, his nose chiselled, his lips flattened, his chin transformed.

# Love all in Seoul

The Olympic Games in Seoul will play cupid for a pair of star-crossed lovers from China and South Korea whose countries have no diplomatic relations.

By Moses Manoharan

SEOUL, (Reuter): Cupid will triumph briefly over politics for a pair of star-crossed lovers at the Seoul Olympics.

For leading table tennis players Jiao Zhimin of China and Ahn Jae-Hyung of South Korea, the course of true love has yet to run smooth.

Jiao, a favourite for the women's singles gold medal, and Ahn, a medal candidate for the men's doubles, are a modern, sporting Romeo and Juliet.

They want to marry but their countries have no diplomatic relations so they are able to arrange only the occasional tryst at international table tennis tournaments. Otherwise, they are believed to make do with the occasional love letter.

Their liaison is frowned on by their governments and their national table tennis federations.

The secretary-general of the Chinese National Olympic Committee, Wei Jizhong, said the Chinese sporting authorities discouraged leading sports figures from marrying during their competitive careers in case it caused a loss of form.

He added that sport in China was regarded as part of the national image-building process in which successful competitors were expected to help form a favourable impression of China among foreigners.

Wei said of Jiao: "I heard she is in love with a South Korean. But we advise her to be cautious in choosing a life partner. In Jiao's case, marrying a South Korean will become more than a

sporting issue. It will become a political problem for us."

Jiao, a 24-year-old teacher, and Ahn, a 23-year-old insurance company employee, fell in love when they met at the Asian Championships in Islamabad four years ago.

As the lovers put the finishing touches to their Olympic preparations in training camps in China and South Korea respectively, the South Korean newspaper Daily Sports reported:

"(Their) love is a tale as old as Romeo and Juliet. Jiao has a different ideology, but she wants marriage after the Olympics if her government will allow it."

Jiao plunged deeper into controversy when she was named as China's top-ranked women's singles competitor at the Games after the Chinese sports authorities caused a furore by declining to select world champion He Zhi.

Wei said He was not selected because of her weakness against South Korean opponents. Ironically, Jiao's biggest Olympic rival will be Yang Yong-Ja, Ahn's South Korean compatriot.

A second thwarted suitor in the Chinese table tennis team is world men's singles champion Jiang Jialiang, who has been obliged to delay his marriage to glamorous Chinese actress Wu Yu Fang.

Wu is nearly as popular in China as Jiang, a 23-year-old Peking University student who is spearheading his country's bid to retain its table tennis supremacy.

Jiang is reported to have said



China's medal hopes rest with their table tennis players, but love may get in the way.

he wants to marry as early as possible. But Wei appeared to thwart his ardour when he said: "We have discouraged him from marrying at present because it

will affect his form. "Under Chinese law, you can marry anyone you like. But a sportsman without discipline is no sportsman at all."

# Dog-soup off menu during Olympic Games

By Paul Holmes

SEOUL: The sign in the run-down eating place outside Seoul billed it as 'poshint'ang' — health soup — and its main ingredient was boiled, shredded dog.

A pungent smell, reminiscent of well-hung animal flesh, pervaded the tiny eatery and a covered stew pot simmered gently outside as a temptation to passing trade.

But poshint'ang, savoured by many South Koreans as an energy-enhancer, boost for pregnant women and cure for ills, was not to be had.

"Why are you talking to these people? Tell them you're not selling dog meat," chided the owner, who had burst in to find the cook steering this Western reporter and two South Korean escorts through the intricacies of cooking dog.

She then ripped down the sign and the party was made to leave.

Authorities in South Korea, sensitive to the country's image in the world spotlight during the Olympics, are forcing hundreds of dogmeat restaurants and traders in and around Seoul to close as foreigners pour in for the Games.

The basic ingredient can usually be bought either live or ready-butchered in the bustling markets of South Korea where cages of live animals battle for space with sacks of herbs,

spices, vegetables and edible roots.

The pre-Olympic crackdown has forced many meat sellers out of the marketplace and made those who defy the ban hostile to prying Western eyes.

"Go away. You'll get me sent to jail," snapped one butcher in Songnam's Moran market, who stopped chopping into a carcass to pull down the metal shutters of his shop. "We really weren't expecting foreigners to come here," he said.

Another dogmeat seller, who runs a dog farm in countryside in sight of the skyscrapers of Seoul's Olympic family village, said he had been thrown out of Moran market two months ago.

"I now sell my dogs to middlemen. It's not my concern what happens to them," the man said.

His puppies, fattened on instant noodles and chicken innards and sold for 25,000 won (\$36), are kept in low, wooden-framed sheds covered in plastic and blankets that block out most of the light.

According to the cook at the eatery, it is from farms like this that many restaurants get their supplies.

Conditions would appal animal-rights campaigners. But the government, while striving to stamp out the custom of eating dog meat, has said the campaigners want too much too quickly.

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Government Warning: Smoking is a major cause of cancer and diseases of the lungs, heart and arteries.

# German fashions becoming popular

COLOGNE (INP): Men's fashion from the Federal Republic of Germany is becoming more and more popular on international markets.

The latest figures underline this: in 1987, exports represented 33.9 per cent of the total turnover; for the first four months of this year, orders received from abroad increased by 17.6 per cent.

The reasons for this positive development are the short delivery times of German manufacturers, the qualitatively outstanding and highly fashionable goods, the good finish and last but not least, an increasing fashion consciousness among males.

Last year, German men spent 19 billion DM on clothes. Suits and above all, jackets made of light materials such as natural silk, cotton and linen are popular. Next year too, casual jackets will be in great demand.

Leisure-time fashion is continuing to expand underlined by imaginative colour descriptions such as "Surge", "Beach" or "Dune". Trousers will remain casual and comfortable. Contrasting linings, small

embroidered applications and striped designs lend a casual touch to blue-silver, brown-beige and green shades — fashion in a new direction.

The German men's clothing industry with around 35,700 employees is also attempting to gain a foothold in markets outside the European Community. Recently, 20 manufacturers from the Federal Republic of Germany presented their collections in the Soviet Union and received a lot of attention. Men's fashion items worth more than 4.3 billion DM were exported abroad; imports amounted to 1.6 billion DM.

For 20 years now, Cologne — the "World Capital of Men's Fashion" — has staged four fairs every year — which are being attended by more and more foreign firms. Almost 1,200 companies from 40 countries for instance, presented their collections at the International Men's Fashion Week in August 1988. The textile branch in nearby Düsseldorf has concentrated more on ladies' fashion — with the IGEDO enjoying an international reputation.

Sigrid Schwarzwald



Leisure fashions for men from Germany are a booming export item.

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By Smith

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Richest treasure trove in the Western hemisphere

# Archaeologists strike gold in Peru

By Rebecca Kolberg

WASHINGTON, (UPI): A Peruvian tomb that evaded looters for 1,500 years has yielded the richest archaeological find in the Western hemisphere — a dazzling trove of gold and jewels that rival the treasures of ancient Greece, it was announced last week.

A 2-foot-wide (0.6-m-wide), solid gold headdress, a warrior's golden backflap weighing almost 2 pounds (0.9 kg) and a string of gold bells showing a god looting off human heads are just a fraction of the riches found in the grave of a warrior-priest of the Moche culture.

"The real richness is in infor-

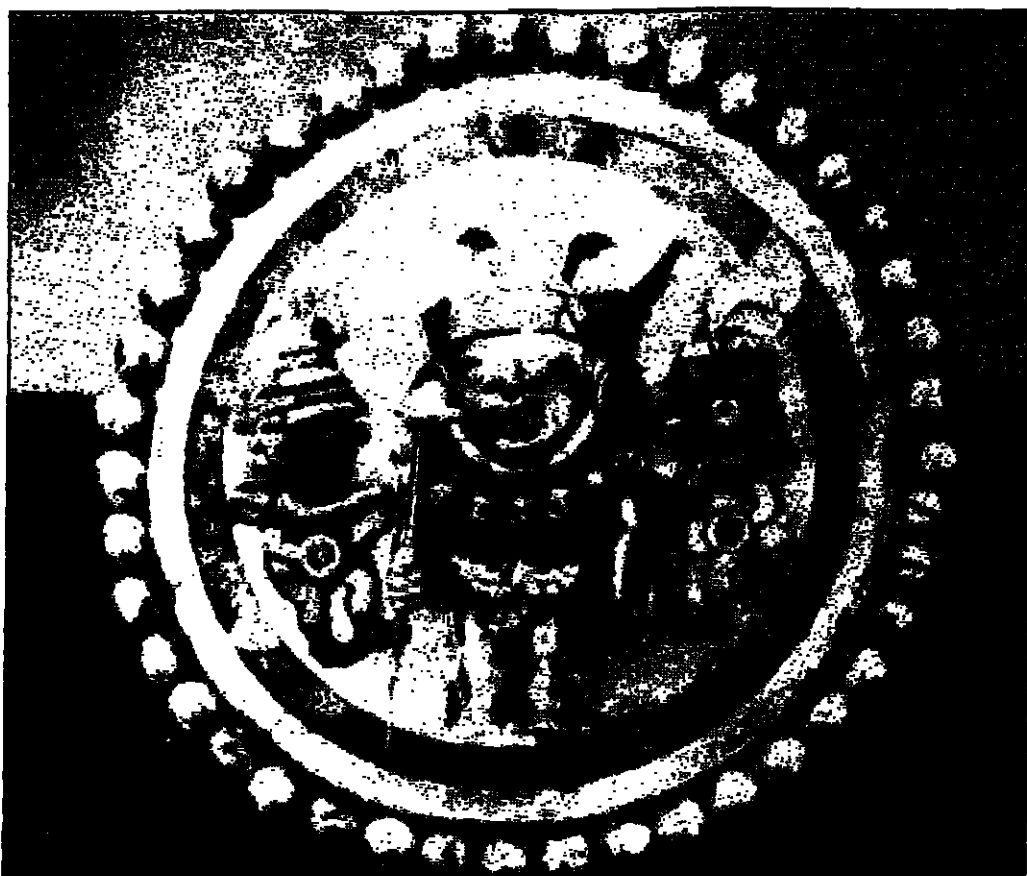
mation it contains. But in material terms, just in terms of gold objects and jewellery, this tomb contains the greatest quantity as well as the quality of gold jewellery that we've ever seen come from an archaeologically excavated tomb in the Americas," said Christopher Donnan, an anthropology professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, said.

Donnan was part of the team, funded by the National Geographic Society under the direction of the Peruvian government, that excavated the lavish burial mound near Sipan on the north coast of Peru.

Archaeologists were alerted to the tomb's existence after an



Walter Alva (right) and an assistant, work in the 1,500-year-old tomb of a warrior priest of the Moche civilisation in the Peruvian coastal village of Sipan.



About the size of a man's thumb, this gold and turquoise warrior with moving parts may be the finest single item of jewellery from pre-Columbian America.

adjoining grave was looted and a large quantity of finely-wrought gold jewelry flooded the black market for stolen, ancient treasures.

In April 1987, Walter Alva, director of the Bruening Archaeological Museum in Lambayeque, Peru, sent a team of archaeologists to the looted tomb to salvage what artifacts the robbers had left behind and to clean up the site.

A few months into the efforts, the archaeologist noticed a depression that appeared to have been filled in with earth in ancient times and ordered that spot excavated.

That order led to a dramatic discovery — a mausoleum containing the body of a richly-clad Moche lord, as well as those of two other men, two women and a dog believed to have been part of the royal entourage.

The Moche preceded the

Inca culture by hundreds of years, dominating the northern coast of Peru from about A.D. 100-800 and producing superb jewelry from locally mined gold and from shells and stone imported from as far north as Ecuador and as far south as Chile.

"This jewellery is just unsurpassed in the exquisite craftsmanship and technical virtuosity of the artisans who created it," said Donnan, noting that some of the mosaic inlay, beadwork and goldwork is so minute it would almost take a magnifying glass to fashion the design.

Archaeologists would not give a dollar estimate for the cache of gold and jewels found at the Peruvian tomb. Thirty items went on display in Washington, and the bulk of the collection is now being examined, restored and

catalogued in Peru.

Donnan said the Moche tomb's treasure surpasses that of two previous contenders for the richest archaeological site in the Americas: the jade-laden tomb of Pacal at Palenque, Mexico, and a gold-rich excavation at Monte Alban, Mexico.

The Moche treasure is even impressive by worldwide standards, Donnan said, noting that it "compares very favourably" with the magnificent gold jewellery unearthed from tombs near the ancient city of Mycenae in Greece.

But the anthropologist conceded that even the splendour of the Peruvian site pales in comparison to the copious riches found in the tomb of the famed Egyptian king, Tutankhamen. "I don't think anything can compare with that," Donnan said.

## Remains of prehistoric village unearthed in Turkey

By Dagny S. Bilkadi

THE remains of three 10,000-year-old stone buildings unearthed near the headwaters of the Tigris River by a team of American and Turkish archaeologists, may be the oldest examples of public buildings yet found anywhere in the world.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Joint Prehistoric Project of the Universities of Chicago and Istanbul formed to search for the beginnings of agriculture and settled village life in the foothills of the mountains ringing Mesopotamia. Project co-directors Dr Robert Braidwood of the University of Chicago; his wife, Linda, of Chicago's Oriental Institute; and Halet Cimbol of the Prehistory Department of Istanbul University chose to begin at a little mound called Cayonu Tepesi in the foothills of the Taurus Mountains in southeastern Turkey.

What they discovered was a prehistoric farming village. This site is distinguished from similar sites in the Middle East by the remains of the stone buildings, believed to be the earliest community structures yet found.

The craftsmanship in the construction of the buildings — including a polished terrazzo floor and a slab with carving of a human face — so surprised the team that at first they thought they might have found Greco-Roman ruins. "The building appears to be the first evidence that once people began controlling their food supply through agriculture, social change accelerated at a rate much faster than archaeologists had previously envisioned," Dr Braidwood says.

Cayonu was inhabited from about 7250 to 6750 B.C., a time when the environment was favorable for both specialised hunting-collecting and simple food production. The village, about 20 per cent of which has now been excavated, had a population of about 500 and

boasted domesticated wheat and pulses. For animal protein, the villagers hunted a now-extinct breed of wild cattle. Evidence of domesticated livestock appeared only in the latest phase of the settlement.

The villagers did not make pottery, but they did experiment with the use of copper. Cold-hammered native copper tools found at the site, including small pins and hooks, are the world's first substantial evidence of the use of worked copper (Cayonu lies barely 20 kilometres (12 1/2 miles) down slope from a copper lode that is still being mined). The residents of Cayonu also experimented with the use of cement for construction, making Cayonu a very technologically sophisticated community for its time.

"We had simply not anticipated the remarkably preserved foundations of houses, the formality of the settlement plan, the existence of public buildings, and the highly developed construction skills of people only on the threshold of effective food production," says Braidwood.

All three of the public buildings lie in the eastern part of the settlement and are roughly the same size. Each had a large room with the entrance apparently facing south. The flat roofs were supported by stone foundation walls with upper portions of sun-dried mud brick. There is evidence of careful plastering on some of the inner walls; traces of red paint still exist in one room. Plasters had been placed in the walls, and in one building they were aligned with broken butts of of limestone slabs that apparently served as columns for roof support. Special attention had been given to the floors, which were sumptuous for the time.

previously thought to have been invented by the Romans about 7,000 years later — indicates an early knowledge of pyrotechnology, making cement by burning limestone and setting in the limestone and marble chips.

Since 1978, a team of architectural specialists from Karlsruhe University in West Germany has been working with the Turkish and American archaeologists.

The third building, discovered in 1984, had three small rooms in the back, two of which contained fragments of 75 human skulls, many blackened in fire.

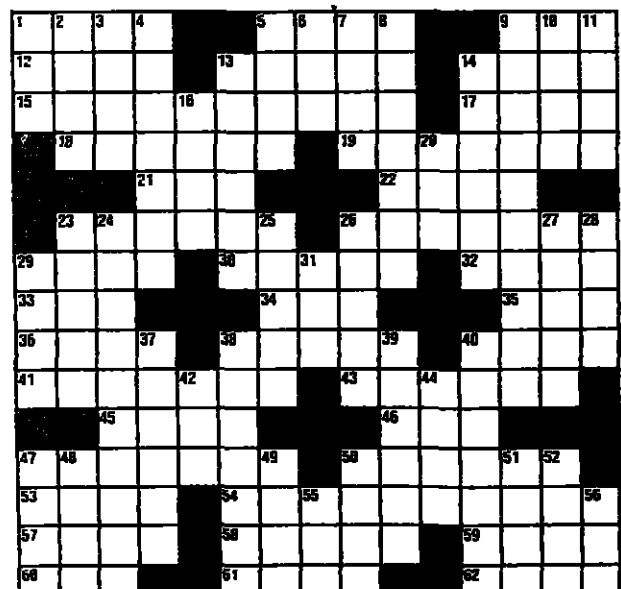
"At this range of time, 7000 BC or soon after," says Braidwood, "there was evidently a fascination with the human skull in the Levant. A small number of adult human skulls have been found at other early village sites, and the Cayonu skulls appear to be an aspect of this phenomenon. Our physical anthropologists, Dr Metin Ozbek, has accounted for at least 172 other individuals found outside the skull building, either in burials under house floors or between houses. So the question is, who did you have to be, what did you have to do, to have your skull buried in the 'skull house'?"

In addition to the human skulls, two to three full cattle skulls with horns were found last year. According to Michael Davis, a 10-year veteran of the project, this is an indication that social and religious institutions were built around the non-controlled, or hunted, source of food. Before this find, the earliest evidence of the bull's head-and-horns motif was from 1,500 years later, when it appeared painted on early Middle Eastern pottery.

The biggest question remaining for the Joint Prehistoric Project is how to account for a village of the size and architectural complexity of Cayonu at a time when the inhabitants still had to depend on hunting for their supply of animal protein.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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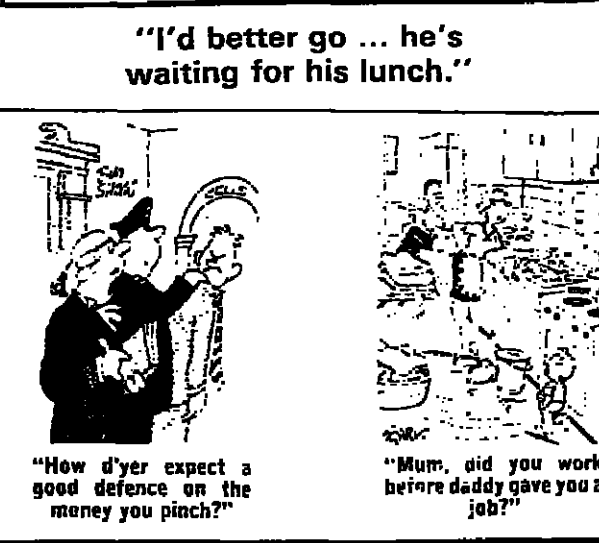
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### GOVERN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠K9865 ♥8 ♦96532 ♣43  
Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?
- Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠AK98742 ♥83 ♦AQ102 ♣Void  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
? What do you bid now?
- Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠AK98742 ♥83 ♦AQ102 ♣Void  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass  
? What action do you take?
- Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠AQ6 ♥AK42 ♦84 ♣AQJ6  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
4 ♥ Pass 5 ♥ Pass  
? What action do you take?
- Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠AQ6 ♥Q72 ♦QJ52 ♣A43  
Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?
- Q.6—Neither vulnerable as South you hold:**  
♠KQ964 ♥83 ♦103 ♣QJ62  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 NT Pass ?  
What action do you take?



### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



### B.C.

By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You should not delay any longer what you know should be done immediately. You should not allow your dislikes to cloud your judgment. Make sure you do not lose sight of your objectives. Be cordial.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
You should make sure you do not lose sight of your objectives. You will too easily stray from the subject and should try harder to concentrate. Do not pay too much attention to secondary matters just now. Be fair.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**  
A matter you have been postponing should be dealt with without further delay. You should do all you can to avoid creating confusion. Try not to allow work to interfere with your private life. Be resilient.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
You should make sure you do not park too long where there are restrictions. You will not be in the best of moods and will have to try to contain yourself. You should do your best not to get into an argument. Be fair.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You will be more able to recognize where changes are needed. And you will have the flexibility needed to make them. You will have some personal success. Be serene.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
You will have an idea which will enable you to put right something that has gone slightly wrong. You should not allow yourself to be persuaded to do something against your better judgement. Make sure you get enough exercise.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
Your personal affairs will take a turn for the better. You will succeed with one of your projects beyond all expectations. You should not do anything that you know would create animosity. Be more far-sighted.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
There will be some positive factors and you will know how to put them to good use. You will have plenty of energy but must make sure it is channelled in the right way. You should deliberate a little before making a choice.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
You will be able to have a good laugh at yourself and should do so. You should trust a little less to luck and a lot more to judgment. You would do well to show just a little more goodwill towards others. Be discreet.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
You will tend to be rather impulsive and should try to restrain yourself. You will have to come to terms with someone you do not like very much. Others will be a little more sympathetic towards you. Be tactful.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**  
You will be liable to spend more than you really intend. Something that you have been postponing will catch up with you. You should make sure you are not haphazard. Be moderate.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
You will be rather nervous and should do all you can to calm yourself. Make sure you do not take exercise to the point of exhaustion. If you try to use force you will only cause resentment. Be reliable.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Cheysson begins 2-day visit to Algeria

ALGIERS, Sept. 19, (Reuters): European Economic Community (EEC) Commissioner Claude Cheysson has begun a two-day visit to Algeria to review improving trade links between the West European bloc and the North African state.

Cheysson is the second senior EEC official to visit Algeria this year. EEC Commissioner Jacques Delors broke the ice in January after a period in which relations stagnated.

The Algerian APS news agency said former French Foreign Minister Cheysson — now responsible for EEC relations with Mediterranean countries — was met by Deputy Foreign Minister Mohamed Aberkane at Algiers airport on Sunday evening.

"I have come here to see in the most precise manner the state of relations between Algeria and the community," Cheysson was quoted by APS as saying in an arrival statement.

Algeria, in common with other North African states, has been concerned at the effects on non-EEC states of plans to create a single barrier-free market within the community by 1992.

Imports  
Algerian trade with all 12 community countries fell sharply in the mid-1980s when Algeria slashed imports in an austerity period prompted by a slump in the price of oil, its main export.

The two sides are linked by a 1976 trade accord which offers free access to the community for all non-agricultural Algerian products. Algeria also receives grants totalling some \$262 million.

EEC exports to Algeria, mainly food and consumer goods, fell by more than half from \$7.8 billion in 1985 to \$3.4 billion last year. During the same period Algerian exports dropped from \$11.2 billion to 4.7 billion.

## Japan to raise oil stockpile to 190m barrels

ABU DHABI, Sept. 19, (Reuters): Japan will increase its state oil stockpile by 20 million barrels to 190 million in the next six months, the chairman of the Japan National Oil Corporation said today.

"Our policy is to continue plans to increase our crude oil stockpile, which now accounts for 170 million barrels," or 43 days' national consumption, Hashimoto Toshikazu told reporters during a visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Private Japanese companies have stockpiled twice as much as the government's existing stocks, he added.

Oil prices have slumped this year and are now about \$6 below the official Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries price of \$18 a barrel.

Toshikazu said Japan's oil demand of about four million barrels a day would decline by five per cent in the next five years or so because of greater efficiency in energy use.

The official WAM news agency said Toshikazu, who earlier visited Oman and is due to go to Egypt and Saudi Arabia, discussed the oil market with Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba. The agency gave no details of the talks.

Toshikazu also met Abu Dhabi National Oil Corporation (ADNOC) chairman Suhail Fabris Al Mazrui. ADNOC officials said they discussed setting up an oil research centre and other projects.

## Bid to ease debt burden

# Third World may seek help at IMF

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 19, (Reuters): The Third World's debt burden is likely to be heavier than ever at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank annual meetings in West Berlin this week.

Six years ago, the world's bankers discovered they had a debt crisis when their fears of a possible Mexican default sent them scurrying to engineer a \$10 billion financial rescue.

Perform  
Since then, the total of Third World debt has doubled.

"Creditors must recognise that unless they work towards new solutions more favourable to debtors, they will face a serious problem," said Mexican Finance Minister Gustavo Petricoli.

Now, Argentina, Ecuador and Venezuela are on the point of yet

another negotiation with banks, seeking to postpone due dates on debt. Two countries which so far had avoided such reschedulings, Trinidad and Colombia, may have to take that step soon, bankers say.

Other countries, such as Liberia and Sierra Leone, say they are too poor to repay — and don't. Zambia has refused to accept reform programmes dictated by the IMF.

"If Africa's creditors insist that we pay now, we will not pay because we can't pay and this is not defiance but inability to pay," Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda said last May.

At that time, he proposed that creditors grant a 20-year grace period on Africa's \$200 billion of debt.

Earlier this month, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) sug-

gested a 30 per cent cut in commercial bank debt of 15 major debtors.

"There is a need for more debt cancellation of one sort or another," says Zimbabwean Finance Minister Bernard Chidzero.

## Fund

"The problem is that different creditor countries favour different measures. What we have is a menu when it would be better if governments adopted a more coherent approach," said Christopher Johnson, chief economic adviser at Lloyds Bank Plc in London.

At the Group of Seven industrial nations' Toronto summit in June, Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa proposed setting up a trust fund with creditor nation deposits to help debtor countries finance repayments of

existing debt.

France and West Germany have supported writing off Third World loans while Britain favours concessions on interest rates paid by some of the poorest debtor nations.

"If something is not done the problem will only get greater and the debt burden larger," said British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson earlier this month.

"It is better to sort it out now and get those countries following the right policies rather than let it fester," he said.

## Approach

But some bankers and officials do not believe there should be one world-wide approach.

"Across-the-board solutions are not effective and tend to confuse the issues, provoking automatic rejection," said Mex-

ico's chief debt negotiator, Angel Gurría.

Washington continues to support a case-by-case approach of reschedulings accompanied by new loans linked to economic reforms — the pattern set by Mexico's 1982 rescue package.

Such reforms are typically a condition of any IMF credits and often involve such austerity measures as government spending cuts and currency devaluations to make imports more costly.

They have sparked strong political opposition in several Third World countries.

And UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has said economic reforms agreed by African nations in return for loans required great public sacrifice with scant reward, and the problems were compounded by drought, plagues and floods.

## IDB credit package

JEDDAH, Sept. 19, (OPECNA): The executive council of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has approved \$79.13 million in new project financing, foreign trade transactions and special programme assistance.

The council, which began its 100th session here on Monday, also allocated \$28.46 million for five project financing in Gambia, Somalia, Benin, Oman, Egypt and Guinea.

## Inflation moves higher

# Hong Kong is set for slower growth

HONG KONG, Sept. 19: Hong Kong is set for slower economic growth in the face of labour shortages and rising interest rates, Piers Jacobs, the Financial Secretary, said last week, according to a London daily.

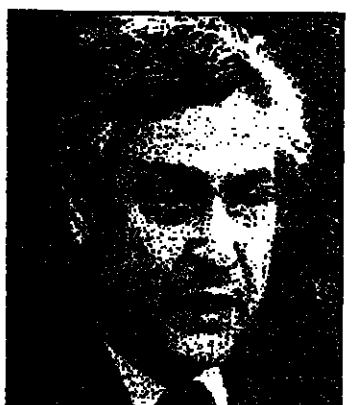
Jacobs, delivering his mid-year review, said he expected gross domestic product to rise by 6 per cent this year, compared with 13.5 per cent in 1987. For the average person GDP should reach HK\$73,100 (£5,516).

"Though a growth rate of 6 per cent is considerably slower than that achieved in 1986 and 1987, it would still mean that the economy had grown at an average of about 10 per cent per annum for three years, an enviable record by any standards," he said.

His estimate is below that of economists at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation who reckon the figure will be nearer 6.5 per cent, while economists at Nomura Research think that 8 per cent will be nearer the mark.

Prices  
Inflation is set to increase, Jacobs said, with prices rising by an average of 7.5 per cent for 1988, compared with 5.5 per cent in 1987.

Jacobs chose "inter-dependence" as his theme, pointing out



Piers Jacobs

that Hong Kong's small, open economy was easily affected by its bigger trading partners.

"We are affected by external events beyond our control and in this situation it is clearly incumbent upon the government to do all that it can to ensure that we are able to adapt to meet the new challenges that arise," he said.

"This will not always be easy, and may on occasions be somewhat painful. But if we continue to plan and act with the longer term in view, there is no reason why we should be deflected from our quest for a stable and prosperous life for our whole community."

Far from being worried about

the slowing down in the economy, Jacobs said: "Following two years of exceptional growth, the economy requires a period of consolidation." He added: "With this slower growth rate, both the tight labour market and inflationary pressures should ease in due course, though possibly not during this year."

Jacobs said he expected domestic exports for 1988 to increase by 6 per cent, in line with his March budget estimates, but re-exports should increase by 35 per cent, almost three times his forecast, reflecting the growing importance of Hong Kong as a middleman in trade with China.

## Exports

As a result, he expects the Crown Colony's total exports to increase by 20 per cent to HK\$471.7 billion.

The Financial Secretary said imports should rise by 20 per cent to HK\$478.1 billion this year, almost double his budget estimate.

Last week's speech was a far cry from the self-congratulatory oratory of a year ago, when Jacobs chose "business confidence" as his mid-year theme "because I feel that so much has happened this year that is a manifestation of genuine and long-lasting confidence in the future of

Hong Kong." Those words returned to haunt Jacobs with a vengeance when one month later stock markets around the world went into decline, and the Hong Kong exchange shut for four days.

# Senate plans to phase out US-Canada tariff barriers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19, (AP): The Senate is taking final action on plans to phase out tariffs between the United States and Canada and end a variety of other trade barriers.

"I consider this the most significant economic agreement the United States has ever entered into with another country," Republican Sen. Bob Packwood, a leading supporter, said on Friday.

All tariffs between the two countries would be phased out over 10 years under the agreement, which was signed on Jan. 2 by President Ronald Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. Some other barriers also would be ended.

The bill to start the phaseout won strong approval from the House of Representatives on Aug. 9, and the Senate was expected to

concur later today. The measure then would go to Reagan's desk. But that does not mean the agreement will go into effect anytime soon.

## Counterpart

The bill would authorise Reagan to put the agreement in effect starting Jan. 1. How soon that actually takes place, however, depends on when the Canadians can get their counterpart legislation through parliament.

Canadian legislation has won approval from the House of Commons in Ottawa but will die in the Senate if, as expected, Mulroney calls parliamentary elections within the next two or three weeks.

The Canadian legislative process would have to start from scratch when the new members of parliament meet after the election.

A free-trade agreement ends

tariffs on shipments between the countries involved.

Israel is the only other country with which the United States has a free-trade agreement. But the volume of trade with Israel is minor compared with the flow of goods in both directions across the northern border.

## Flowed

In 1987 alone, \$131 billion in merchandise flowed over the US-Canadian border, making Canada as America's No. 1 trading partner.

When services are added to the calculation, total trade between the two countries amounted to \$166 billion: Japan was No. 2 with \$116 billion in merchandise trade with the United States last year.

Despite heavy support for the measure in the Senate, some critics were expected to make their voices heard.

## Five countries will suffer economic downturns

# Bank sees deteriorating conditions in Latin America

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19, (Reuters): Latin America's debt-battered economies were overwhelmed by financial problems last year that seem to be only getting worse, the Inter-American Development Bank said yesterday.

The bank, in its annual assessment of social and economic conditions in the region, said the crisis was hitting the poor the hardest as countries slashed spending on social programmes.

Bank president Enrique Iglesias told reporters "the situation in Latin America continues to deteriorate with 1987 being the worst year since 1986 and our preliminary estimates indicating that probably this year will be substantially worse than last year."

Bank officials said that figures for the first half of 1988 indicate that five countries in Latin America — Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Venezuela and Peru —

this year. They said there could be some improvement during the current six months.

The report said the rate of economic growth dropped from the 3.6 per cent average achieved in 1984 through 1986 to only 2.6 per cent in 1987.

It said that in 1987 three of the region's four largest economies — Argentina, Mexico and Venezuela — grew less than two per cent and Brazil's rate was just under three per cent.

## Lower

Only Colombia, Chile and Uruguay had growth rates of 4.9 per cent or more in 1986 and 1987.

Led by Brazil and Mexico, the region last year had a gross domestic product of \$900 billion. The report said the dominance of these two countries was increasing.

The report said the size of the economy on a per capita basis, the key measure of economic well-being, was lower in 1987

than in 1980 in most countries of the region.

"The deterioration of gross domestic product per capita comes at a time when fiscal spending is being cut back and alternative employment programmes and safety nets are inadequate," the report said. "It is therefore likely that the data understate the worsening situation of the lower income population."

The bank said that while the region is struggling with economic crisis and social dislocations, it has implemented sweeping economic reforms.

Seeking new ways to earn foreign exchange to allow it to pay its debts and import badly needed goods, the region has increased the amount and the kind of products it exports.

In part, this reflected Mexico's experience in the early 1980s, when its economy was rocked by a slump in the price of oil, its main source of export earnings. Since then, with the develop-

ing banks looking on, the region has attempted to diversify exports, looking for a variety of ways of earning foreign exchange.

The report said that Latin America increased its volume of exports by 4.4 per cent annually in the 1980s, compared with a 2.6 per cent growth rate in world trade.

In 1987, Latin America's volume of exports reached an unprecedented high, moving up 35 per cent over 1980. Governments in the region also continued belt-tightening efforts, notably by cutting their budget deficits. In some countries — Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Uruguay — the cuts have been dramatic, the report said.

Despite efforts at reform, funds continued to flow out of the region as countries repaid their loans but were not able to get much new money to help finance development.

## World Business Summary

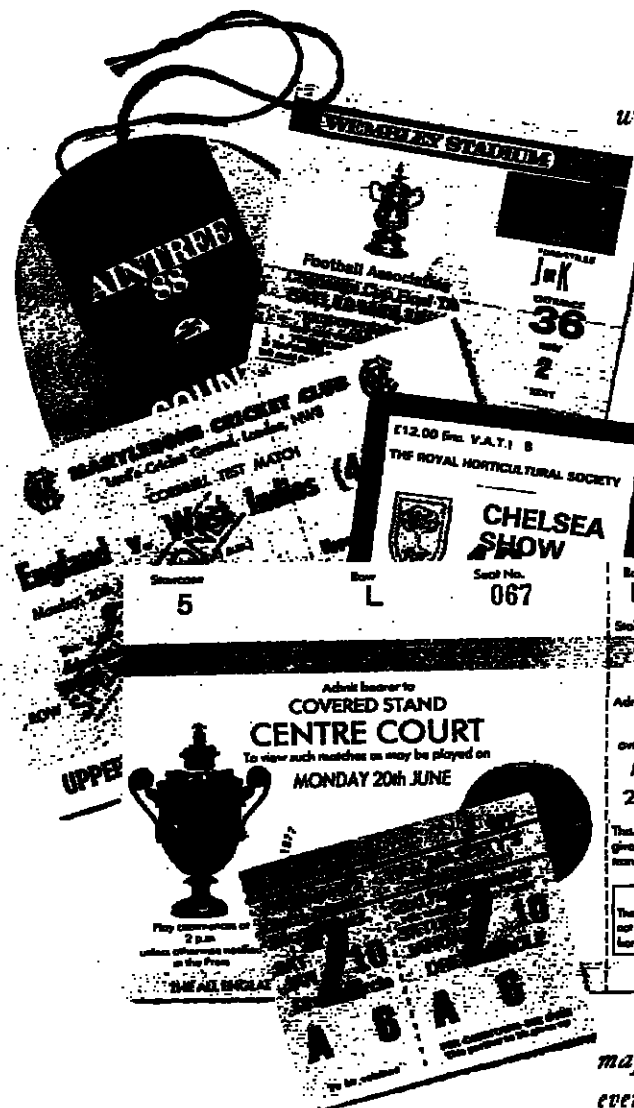
# Nations' sales tax must be smoothed, say ministers

ELOUNDA, Greece, Sept. 19, (AP): European finance ministers struggled yesterday over ways to smooth their widely varying sales taxes in part of an effort to create a barrier-free market in 1992. The finance ministers, representing the 12 nations of the European Economic Community, did not settle on a single tax plan during a day of informal talks in Eionda, a resort town on the Greek island of Crete. Nigel Lawson, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, cautioned that the bid to create a barrier-free market "is going to run into the sands" without changes in the tax-streamlining proposals. Other finance ministers said, however, that there was general agreement that the countries' sales taxes must be smoothed. "This discussion was extremely constructive — (and) a very complex one," Greek Economics Minister Panayiotis Roumeliotis said. The finance ministers meet twice a year in an informal setting to discuss financial and monetary issues. Widely varying sales taxes in Europe have led to shoppers crossing borders to buy cheaper goods in neighbouring countries. Britain, for example, applies no sales tax to food and baby clothing. But levies on luxury items can top 30 per cent in some countries. The ministers focussed on a proposal put forward by the EEC staff to bring more in line the nations' indirect taxes, such as the Value-Added Tax.

# N. Yemen to boost oil output

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Sept. 19, (AP): North Yemen plans to increase its oil production to around 200,000 barrels a day by the end of the year and hold it at that "for the foreseeable future," the Middle East Economic Survey reported today. The respected oil industry newsletter, published in Nicosia, said in a report by executive editor Waleed Khadduri that current output from the Alif and Azal fields is running at 180,000 barrels a day. North Yemen's production is not likely to affect oil prices or global production levels amid efforts by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to enforce quota discipline on its member states. Oil was first discovered in North Yemen, one of the Arab world's most primitive countries, in 1984 by the Hunt Oil Co. of Dallas, Texas. It is developing the fields in partnership with Exxon and South Korean companies. The weekly survey reported that the government plans to enhance its oil industry, prospecting for new fields and studying schemes to utilise natural gas reserves.

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NAME	LAST	200/0
ABEY LIFE	304/0	
ADT LTD	126/0	
ALD LYONS	410/0	
ARSTRAD	198/0	
ARGYLL GP	168/0	
ASDA GP	142/0	
BAM	252/0	
BTR	281/0	
BAT HDS	431/0	
BARCLAYS	393/0	
BARS	747/0	
BEAZER	167/0	
BEEDRAHS	457/0	
BERSFORD	378/0	
BICC PLC	346/0	
BLUE ARB	89/0	
BLUE AIR	421/0	
BCC GP	395/0	
BOOTS CO	312/0	
BRCC	245/0	
BRCC	216/0	
BRCC	152/0	
BRCC	448/0	
BRCC	165/0	
BRCC	104/0	
BRCC	315/0	
BRCC	246/0	
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BRCC	138/0	
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BRCC	185/0	
BRCC	313/0	
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BRCC	517/0	
BRCC	141/0	
BRCC	616/0	
BRCC	500/0	
BRCC	265/0	
BRCC	010/0	

LONDON  
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALICE	746/0	734/0
600 GROUP	107/0	108/0
A-AMER TS	354/0	355/0
A.B.ELECT	415/0	414/0
A.S.W.HLD	178/0	178/0
AAR KENT	72/0	72/0
AAR HLD	260/0	260/0
AARSON	113/0	112/0
ADDISON	33/0	33/0
ADWEST	307/0	308/0
ALEX WKC	153/0	153/0
ALEXON	354/0	353/0
ALL COLL	123/0	124/0
ALLD IN B	240/0	241/0
ALLD LBN	116/0	116/0
ALLD PLNT	54/0	54/0
ALLANCE	820/0	821/0
AMBER DAY	48/0	49/0
AMEC	360/0	360/0
AMER TST	129/0	130/0
AMERSHAM	558/0	559/0
AMR RLTHC	140/0	140/0
ANGLIA TV	174/0	174/0
ANSCHUTZ	63/0	62/0
APLEYARD	456/0	457/0
APV PLC	111/0	112/0
ARCEL	106/0	106/0
ARCEL	106/0	106/0
ATLANTIC	273/0	273/0
ATWOODS	270/0	270/0
AUTO SECS	35/0	35/0
AVDEL PLC	68/0	68/0
AVIS EUR	336/0	336/0
AVON RUBB	708/0	708/0
B. JEWELL	176/0	175/0
BAILL JAP	466/0	467/0
BAILL SHI	82/0	82/0
BAILL (W)	241/0	241/0
BANK IRE	221/0	222/0
BANKER IT	71/0	72/0
BARKER DO	134/0	135/0
BART DEV	165/0	165/0
BAYNES C	28/0	28/0
BBA GROUP	156/0	157/0
BEAR B.WT	3/4	3/4
BEAR BRAND	9/0	9/0
BEATTIE J	145/0	146/0
BEJAM GP	150/0	151/0
BELHAVEN	62/0	62/0
BELLMAN	228/0	228/0
BENROSE	210/0	211/0
BEMLUX	52/0	52/0
BERKELEY	285/0	285/0
BHAIN HINT	406/0	405/0
BHAI GROUP	98/0	98/0
BLOCK OF SO	349/0	350/0
BLOOMING	266/0	267/0
BLOOMING	12/0	12/0
BLOOMING	35/0	35/0
BLOOMING	228/0	229/0
BLOOMING	138/0	138/0
BLOOMING	580/0	580/0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 100	1418.6	1422.5	1422.0	1373.3
FT 100 S&P	0	1001.8	1001.8	957.6
FT 100 S&P	915.49	915.49	916.63	870.22
FT 100 S&P	86.62	86.62	86.81	88.49
FT 100 S&P	175.8	175.8	176.1	302.1
FT 100 S&P	525.15	525.15	526.11	450.65
FT 100 S&P	1777.2	1777.2	1780.4	16636
FT 100 S&P	124.83	124.83	124.74	115.04
FT 100 S&P	110.53	110.53	110.09	90.79
FT 100 S&P	115.31	114.88	114.94	99.08

## London Stock Market Report

UK STOCKS END MIXED AND QUIET AHEAD OF MONEY DATA. LONDON, SEPT 19, REUTER - U.K. EQUITY PRICES CLOSED MIXED AFTER A QUIET DAY'S TRADING. MANY INVESTORS WERE HAPPY TO KEEP TO THE SIDELINES AHEAD OF TOMORROW'S AUGUST MONEY SUPPLY AND BANK LENDING DATA, BOTH MAJOR INDICATORS OF INFLATIONARY PRESSURE, DEALERS SAID.

AT 1430 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS 1.2 POINTS HIGHER AT 1,767.9 AFTER AN OPENING LOW OF 1,762.7. VOLUME WAS SUBDUED, WITH ONLY 246.8M SHARES CHANGING HANDS BEFORE 1400 GMT.

GOING IN SELECTIVE SPECULATIVE ISSUES AMONG THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX CONSTITUENTS WERE MOSTLY BALANCED BY LOSSES IN STOCKS TRADING EX-DIVIDEND.

"PEOPLE ARE VERY WORRIED ABOUT INFLATION, SO TOMORROW'S FIGURES ARE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE," ONE TRADER SAID. "WITH VOLUME SO LOW AND WALL STREET FALLING, THE ONLY WAY WE CAN GO THIS AFTERNOON IS DOWN."

THE U.S. STOCK MARKET OPENED ONLY SLIGHTLY LOWER BUT THE FALL COUNTERED BY A LACK OF INTEREST AND IN FURTHER TECHNICAL REACTION TO FRIDAY'S TRIPLE OPTION AND FUTURES EXPIRY. TRADERS IN THE U.S. SAID.

DEALERS SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT OF TOMORROW'S ECONOMIC FIGURES IS R-4 BANK LENDING, WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO SHOW A RISE OF SOME EIGHT BILLION STG AFTER A NINE BILLION INCREASE IN JULY.

## London Gold

LONDON, SEPT 19, REUTER - GOLD RECOVERED SLIGHTLY FROM EARLY LOSSES BUT STILL REGISTERED ITS LOWEST CLOSE IN NEARLY 18 MONTHS, EXAGGERATING PLATINUM DOWN TO NEAR THE IMPORTANT 500 DLRS AN OUNCE SUPPORT LEVEL.

AFTER SOME SHORT-COVERING GOLD CLOSED AT 409.20/409.70 DLRS, THE LOWEST CLOSE IN LONDON SINCE MARCH 24, 1987, DEALERS SAID. PLATINUM DIPPED BRIEFLY BELOW 500 DLRS THIS MORNING BUT RECOVERED TO CLOSE AT 505.50/507.00 DLRS, THE LOWEST SINCE MARCH 21 THIS YEAR.

THE SLUMP IN CRUDE OIL PRICES, WHICH HAS EASED CONCERN ABOUT INFLATION, REMAINED A BACKGROUND FACTOR AGAIN TODAY, THEY SAID.

## London Money Market

LONDON, SEPT 19, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES CONTINUED LITTLE CHANGED IN LATE TRADING WITH STERLING STABLE AND NO NEW FEATURES EMERGING TO ALTER SENTIMENT.

TRADERS SAID THE PROXIMITY OF U.K. MONEY SUPPLY AND BANK LENDING DATA FOR AUGUST -- DUE FOR RELEASE AT 1030 GMT TUESDAY -- WAS ADDING TO THE MARKET'S ALREADY CAUTIOUS TONE.

THE FIGURES ARE SEEN AS A PRIME INDICATOR OF INFLATIONARY PRESSURES AND, GIVEN THE GOVERNMENT'S PREOCCUPATION WITH INFLATION, ARE AMPLIFIED WITH INTEREST. DEALERS SAY MONETARY MEASURES ARE EXPECTED TO SHOW CONTINUING ABOVE-TARGET GROWTH WHILE ANOTHER VERY LARGE LENDING FIGURE IS ANTICIPATED.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPEN
DLR	1.6765/75	1.8690/95	6.3500/50	NOON
STG	1.6765/75	3.1350/85	10.6690/6640	NOON
DMK	118.24/44	3.129/143	29.35/51	FIX
FFR	6.3475/595	10.668/666	339.47/40.11	FIX
SPR	1.5802/5812	2.6497/6530	84.47/57	1300
YFL	2.1105	3.6400	112.83	33.21
ESU	1.10868	6.60914	2.07279	7.0436
SDR	1.29188	0.770030	2.42228	8.24413
YEN	153.50/90	224.31/62		NOON
SDR RATES	16/9/88	OTHERS	19/09/1988	

BOOTH HENR	382/0	33/0	HESTAR	310/0	311/0	SAVILLE G	47/0	43/0
BORTHWICK	53/0	53/0	HEYWOOD W	266/0	264/0	SAVILLS	120/0	121/0
BR ARROW	102/0	103/0	HICKS IN	216/0	216/0	SAVOR "AM"	778/0	780/0
BR ASSETS	65/4	66/0	HIGGS HIL	331/0	331/0	SCHR. GLOB	220/0	220/0
BR DREDG	130/0	130/0	HNBRO CTP	78/0	78/0	SCOT HERI	184/0	185/0
BR VITA	223/4	223/0	HNBRO ZOP	222/0	224/0	SCOT I.T.	124/4	125/0
BRENT CHE	141/0	138/0	HNTB SPHR	176/0	176/0	SCOT NET	127/0	128/0
BRENT MOR	375/0	375/0	HOLMES PR	103/0	103/0	SCOT MORT	97/4	96/0
BRIDON	153/0	153/0	HOLDEN GP	120/0	121/0	SCOT. AMT I	88/0	88/0
BRITAIN SE	173/0	173/0	HPOKINSON	98/0	98/0	SET NAT C	24/0	24/0
BRITANNIC	333/0	332/0	HTV GROUP	213/0	216/0	SET NAT E	90/0	90/0
BRIXTON E	316/0	316/0	ICE, F.Z.	345/0	346/0	SECS TST	99/4	100/0
BRYANT GP	134/0	134/0	IMRY M.OV	348/0	349/0	SENIOR EN	57/0	57/0
BSG INTL	62/4	63/0	IMPNDT W	12/0	12/0	SHERATON S	77/0	77/0
BSR INTL	68/0	68/0	INT. BU. CH	118/0	118/0	SHON ENG	266/0	266/0
BULLOUGH	453/0	453/0	INT. CITY	123/0	123/0	SINGERFR	74/0	75/0
BULLOCH	160/0	160/0	INVERGORD	290/0		SMITH D	310/0	310/0
CALENDONIA	347/0	347/0	JHNSWFR	40/0	40/0	SOUND DIF	29/0	29/0
CALOR GRP	376/0	376/0	JOS HLDGS	162/0	160/0	SPRING RAN	181/0	181/0
CAMB ELEC	232/0	232/0	KALAMAZO	49/0	49/0	SPRC -SARC	187/0	186/0
CANFORD E	105/0	104/0	KALON GRP	34/4	34/0	ST. ANDREW	178/4	178/0
CANNING W	208/0	208/0	KELT ENGY	45/0	45/0	ST. ANDREW	88/0	88/0
CANON ST	268/0	268/0	KELT GRP	79/0	79/0	STAKIS	328/0	328/0
CAP GROUP	300/0	300/0	KELT GRP	126/0	126/0	STEETLEY	326/0	326/0
CAP RADIO	316/0	340/0	KWIK O'S	337/0	338/0	STEETLY N	326/0	326/0
CARADON	318/0	317/0	KWIK SAVE	337/0	338/0	STRIP GR	165/0	165/0
CARLON E	147/0	146/0	KWIK-FIT	103/0	103/0	STROGMAR	13/4	14/0
CATER ALL	343/0	345/0	LAINING 'A'	294/0	293/0	STURGE HD	245/0	245/0
CATTLE HD	65/0	65/0	LAINING 'B'	294/0	293/0	T. TEES TV	305/0	
CAULDON	10/0	10/0	LAINING PRP	467/0	467/0	TELEMETRX	47/0	47/0
CELTIC TV	517/0	515/0	LAIRO GRP	237/0	235/0	TELETRONS	215/0	215/0
CHAM PHRR	146/0	145/0	LAINDLEISU	354/0	353/0	TEMPLE BA	203/0	202/0
CHARTERNA	20/0	20/0	LAURANCE V	137/0	138/0	THAMES TV	366/0	365/0
CHAS CHUR	103/0	103/0	LDN & NET	153/0	150/0	THERMAL S	153/0	154/0
CHLORIDE	50/0	51/0	LDN INTL	199/0	200/0	THOMSON T	74/0	73/0
CHRISTIES	507/0	508/0	LDN SHOP	234/0	234/0	THORNTON	127/0	127/0
CI GROUP	46/0	46/0	LDN UTD	136/0	130/0	THROGHTN	385/0	385/0
CINYL SEC	49/4	49/0	LDN UTD	127/0	127/0	TI GROUP	343/0	343/0
CINRY OIL	174/0	174/0	LEX SERVC	355/0	355/0	TIE RACK	99/0	97/0
COATES BR	314/0	313/0	LIFE SCIE	52/0	52/0	TIME PROD	235/0	205/0
COLLINS A	446/0	445/0	LILLEY FJ	49/4	50/0	TOFTS F	212/4	213/0
COLLINS U	535/0	527/0	LLOYT	127/0	128/0	TOFTS F	97/4	95/0
COLLORAL	182/0	183/0	LYTH	187/0	185/0	TOOTH KEM	97/4	95/0
CONNELLS	265/0	265/0	LOCAL LDM	460/0	458/0	TR CITY	72/0	72/0
CONRAD	306/0	302/0	LOGICA	333/0	330/0	TR INDUST	127/4	127/0
COURTS A	264/0	265/0	LOW (MS)	619/0	620/0	TR PACIFY	49/0	48/0
COURTS FR	383/0	385/0	LOW DMS	194/0	195/0	TR PROCT	57/0	58/0
COURTS FR	187/0	186/0	LOWNES	74/4	75/0	TR TRSTEE	125/4	126/0
CREST NIC	188/0	188/0	M&G GROUP	338/0	337/0	TRAVISAR	505/0	508/0
CRH	130/0	130/0	M.C. PACIF	169/0	168/0	TRIMOCO	42/0	42/4
CRODA INT	178/0	178/0	MACARTY	227/0	227/0	TRIPLEX	180/0	179/0
CRYSTALAT	149/0	148/0	MAJEDIE	200/0	201/0	TRITON ER	170/0	170/0
CTRY PROP	245/0	245/0	MAUDERS	198/0	196/0	TRSPRT DV	215/0	215/0
DARES EST	28/4	29/0	MARLEY	152/0	152/0	TURRIF	300/0	
DAVIS GP	154/0	153/0	MARSHALLS	228/0	228/0	TV SU HLD	62/0	63/0
DAVY CORP	142/4	143/0	MATTHEWS	71/0	71/0	TYS ENTR	295/0	294/0
DE LA RUE	487/0	485/0	MAUDERS	96/0	96/0	TYNE ...	122/4	
DELTA GRP	275/4	272/0	MECKENHIE	304/0	305/0	U-BORLAN	101/0	102/0
DEVENTH	301/0	302/0	MEMEC	213/0	212/0	U-BRD ST	33/4	36/0
DIPLOMA	206/0	206/0	MENZIES	303/0	302/0	U-BROADML	185/0	185/0
DISSON PK	94/0	94/0	MERCH. TST	146/0	143/0	U-CIFER	9/4	9/4
DOUGLAS R	276/0	276/0	MERLIN TM	101/0	101/0	U-CITVSNB	86/0	86/0
DOUGLIMB	56/0	56/0	METALIOS	189/0	187/0	U-DESEY W	125/0	126/0
DOVY GP	205/0	202/0	METALIOS	85/0	87/0	U-DURHAN	49/0	50/0
DRYTON C	450/0	450/0	MIDWAY	353/0	353/0	U-EURHAW	510/0	513/0
DRG	74/0	74/0	NEVER INT	436/0	435/0	U-EXPLAIR	40/0	40/0
DUNDEE	286/0	287/0	NEL HLDGS	119/0	120/0	U-FIELDS	60/0	61/0
DUNHILL	214/0	213/0	NHT CHLT	135/0	137/0	U-FLOYD E	21/0	21/0
EAGLE TST	14/2	14/4	NOLINS OR	232/0	231/0	U-FRD SEL	96/0	96/0
EDIN T.T	147/6	148/0	NOMKS IT	205/0	205/0	U-HYND PT	228/0	228/0
ELECTROCH	192/0	193/0	MORGAN CF	244/0	243/0	U-HUGH. HT	102/0	102/0
ELIAS EVA	172/0	172/0	MORGAN GF	261/0	262/0	U-PAVION	6/2	6/4
ENAP	194/0	195/0	MORLAND	645/0	645/0	U-RDMSHT	181/0	181/0
EMPIRE ST	242/0	243/0	MOUNTLEIG	140/0	141/0	U-SAC INT	100/0	98/0
ERA GROUP	77/0	76/0	MOWLEN J	366/0	366/0	U-SELECTV	15/0	15/0
EURO-MO	313/0	312/0	MRYT INCH	174/4	174/4	U-STH BUS	335/0	335/0
EUROBETH	369/0	368/0	MRYT INTL	175/4	175/0	U-STNOHO	236/0	236/0
EURLIN UT	303/0	303/0	MS INTL	110/0	111/0	U-T.V. AM	140/0	139/0
EURLIN UT	19/4	19/0	M.ENG. LND	95/0	95/0	U-TRND W	5/00	5/00
EVODE GRP	172/0	172/0	NAT. TELCH	140/0	141/0	U-TRNOOD	17/4	18/0
EXPANET	182/0	182/0	NEWARTHIL	675/0	675/0	U-TSB C I	149/0	
F&C ENT	212/0	215/0	NORCROS	337/0	336/0	U-TUBULAR	30/4	
F&C PACIF	133/0	133/0	NORFOLK C	29/4	30/0	U-UTTC	195/0	195/0
F&C SHILLR	70/0	70/0	NORMANS	61/0	54/0	U-WAYNE K	105/0	
FALCON	102/0	100/0	NORTHAMB	390/0	390/0	U-WMS LEI	58/0	58/0
FARNELL E	143/0	143/0	NORTH OPX	122/0	122/0	U-WYKO GP	72/0	71/0
FED. HOUNS	255/0	253/0	NRM PLC	83/0	82/0	U.E.I.	387/0	
FENNER JH	153/0	153/0	NUSD&PCO	167/0	167/0	UK PAPER	160/0	161/0
FERGUSON	260/0	260/0	O'SEAS IT	181/0	180/0	ULSTER TV	75/0	
FINLIM GP	82/0	81/0	OCEAN TPT	240/0	237/0	UNDERWOOD	87/0	87/0
FINLAY J	107/0	108/0	OCEONICS	20/0	20/0	UNION DIS	515/0	518/0
FITCH LOV	262/0	263/0	OSSORY EST	19/2	19/4	UNITECH	203/0	204/0
FLANG AMER	119/0	119/0	OXFORD AS	63/0	63/0	UTD. INDUS	51/0	51/0
FLUNG F.E	181/0	182/0	P & O WTS	51/0	51/0	UTD. SCIENT	181/0	182/0
FLUNG INV	134/0	135/0	P & P PLC	219/0	218/0	VALUEATNC	34/0	34/0
FLUNG JAPH	200/0	200/0	PACIFIC A	127/0	128/0	VAUX GRP	688/0	688/0
FLUNG MERC	172/4	173/0	PAGE (M)	46/0	45/0	VERSION	22/0	22/0
GEEST	265/0	266/0	PENTLAND	115/0	105/0	VG INSTMT	319/0	318/0
GER INTL	115/0	115/0	PENTOS PLC	97/0	97/0	VIGOR GRP	167/0	168/0
GERMANTO	269/0	270/0	PERKINSON	93/0	94/0	VIRGO GP	11/0	12/0
GESTETTER	59/0	59/0	PHENIX	100/0	101/0	VPI GROUP	234/0	281/0
GP	52/0	51/0	PICKWICK	226/0	225/0	WAGON HDG	511/0	510/0
GRACE S	275/0	275/0	PLEASURAM	215/0	218/0	WALDE ST	629/0	630/0
GREEN K	450/0	450/0	PRESTWICK	121/0	122/0	WATERFD O	105/0	104/0
GREENLL V	215/0	214/0	PRIEST (B)	19/6	19/4	WATERFD U	105/0	104/0
GREYCOAT	360/0	360/0	PRIEST MA	377/0	378/0	WATES CTY	152/0	163/0
GRUP TV A	48/0	49/0	PROSECUR	180/0	180/0	WATTS B&B	309/0	308/0
GRPTLND	334/0	333/0	PROUDFOU	248/0	248/0	WATTS GRP	203/0	203/0
GUINNESS M	124/0	125/0	PROV FINL	314/0	314/0	WELLMAN	32/0	38/0
GLS ORD	680/0	700/0	RAINE LND	84/00	85/50	WEMBLEY	118/0	118/0
GVTT ATLA	127/0	128/0	RATNERS	218/0	217/0	WESTBURY	212/0	211/0
GVTT STRA	218/0	218/0	RECHAN EV	286/0	285/0	WESTLAND	97/0	97/0
HALL DIS	109/0	110/0	REDFEARN	457/0	457/0	WHENAY	83/0	83/0
HALL CH	132/0	130/0	REFUGE GP	415/0	413/0	WIDNEY	31/0	31/0
HALLMA	178/0	177/0	REGALATION	140/0	140/0	WILKER BR	108/0	108/0
HANROKS I	208/0	208/0	ROBERTO	150/0	149/0	WILSON GR	236/0	236/0
HANROKS E	649/0	649/0	RUTER	260/0	257/0	WILSON CON	159/0	158/0
HANROKS E	45/4	45/4	RUGBY GRP	122/4	121/0	WILSELEY	238/0	235/0
HANROKS E	219/0	218/0	RUTLAND T	42/0	43/0	WOLVEDRO	398/0	398/0
HEATH(C)	406/0	407/0	RYAN INTL	146/0	145/0	WPP GRP	559/0	559/0
HELENE PL	33/0	33/0	SAGA INTL	227/0	227/0	WSP GROUP	564/0	562/0
HELICAL R	296/0	296/0	SALENA TLY	199/0	196/0	YALEVALO	414/0	418/0
HEWORTH	229/0	225/0	SALVERSEN	165/0	166/0	YORK CHEM	234/0	234/0
						YORKSHR TV	201/0	198/0



# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1988

## International Bond Highlights

**Amsterdam** — The General Electric Co. is issuing a 9-1/8 pct, 500 mln dir, five year Eurobond at 101.375 pct, lead manager Amro Bank said. (RTTZ 0748)

**Frankfurt, Zurich, London** — Volkswagen International Finance NV is issuing a 300 mln mark 10-year 6-1/2 pct equity warrant bond, a 230 mln Swiss franc three pct 12-year warrant bond, and a 120 mln dir 10-year 9-3/4 pct warrant bond, the respective lead managers said. (RTYE 1446, RTYE 1446, RTYH 1501)

**Bonn** — Foreigners will be allowed to make primary purchases of West German Bundesobligationen saving bonds from Oct 3, the Finance Ministry said in a statement. (RTVI 0842)

**Frankfurt** — The World Bank is issuing a 10-year 15 billion peseta Eurobond with a 10-3/8 pct coupon priced at 99-3/8, lead manager Deutsche Bank AG said. (RTUO 0811)

**Frankfurt** — Caisse Nationale des Telecommunications de Paris is launching a 200 mln mark 10-year Eurobond with 6-1/8 pct coupon priced at 101-3/8, sole lead manager Westdeutsche Landesbank-Girozentrale (WESTLB) said. (RTWK 1322)

**London** — Toshiba International Finance (Netherlands) BV is issuing a 10 billion yen dual currency Eurobond due Oct 5, 1993 paying seven pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. (RTYM 1504)

## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 10-3/8 1/4	11-11/16 9/16	12-1/4 3/16
FFI 4.80/85	4.85/95	4.90/5.00
PAR 7-7/16 1/2	7-5/8 3/4	7-13/16 15/16
BUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3 3-1/4	3-1/4 3-1/2
BRE 4.80	7-1/8 3/16	7-3/8 1/2
ROM 10-3/8 10-7/8	11-1/8 11-5/8	11-3/8 11-7/8
AMS 5.37/50	5.46/56	5.50/60
TOK 3.68/5 7500	4.37/50 4375	4.18/5 2500
EDI 7.50 7.75	7.56 7.68	7.62 7.75

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year
5-13/16	5-7/8	6-1/16	6-5/16
6-1/16	6-1/8	6-1/8	6-7/16

## BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	62.50	64.50	68	NICO	625	625	640
ACC	268	273	275	GNFC	50	52.75	52.50	MUKAND	91	91	94.50
ASIA PAINT	172.50	175	178.75	GRASIM	105	106	108.50	NOCIL	665	650	670
BAJAJ AUTO	288.75	290	293.75	GSFC	156	157	161	OKAY	30.75	33.75	33.75
BAR. BAYON	---	---	---	HIND LEVER	71	71	72.50	PEICO	30.50	28	29
BOR. DYING	117	119	119	HINDALCO	106.50	108	108	PFIZER	60	60	62.50
BR. BOND	100.50	102	104	HINDCOCCA	105	106.25	106.25	PRE. AUTO	32.50	33	34.50
BSE INDEX	620.01	621.97	621.97	IND ORG	28.75	28.25	28	RAYMOND	58	57	58
CENTURYSPG	1032.5	1040	1040	IND MOTOR	33.50	33	34.50	RELIANCE	186	188	193
COLGATE	270	265	270	INDOYAT	66	65.50	66	SIEMENS	86	86	87
DEEPAKERT	37.75	38.50	41.50	INDROL	215	217.50	215	SPIC	45	46.50	48.50
ET. HOTEL	51	50	52	ITC	47	47	49	STONISLLS	260	265	272
ESKAYEF	137.50	138.75	140	JESYNTH	72	74	75	TATA PWR	222	225	235
ESSAR	18	18.50	20	L AND T	123.50	127.50	126.50	TATACHEN	79	80	80.50
GAR. POLY	77.50	77	77.50	MAHINDRA	65	68	70	TELCO	745	755	752.50
GE. SHIP	29.25	31.50	32.25	MATHE SHR	10.50	10.37	10.62	TISCO	898.75	917.50	922.50
				MATHE PL	53	55	61	VOLTAS	355	355	372.50

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	204.5	205.0
ALLIANZ VR	1663.0	1645.0
BADENWERK	179.5	179.3
BASF	273.5	269.4
BAYER	304.7	300.3
BAYER HYP	359.5	353.0
BAYER VER	355.5	348.0
BBC	320.0	315.5
BHF	443.0	434.0
BMW	509.0	505.0
COMERZBANK	245.0	237.3
CONIT GUMM	259.5	257.5
DAIMER BEN	704.2	699.0
DEUTSCH BNK	518.0	509.5
DLV	390.0	387.0
DRESNER B	293.0	276.5
DT BARCOCK	178.0	175.5
FAL INDEX	515.09	507.29
FELDAWEL	288.5	285.3
GOLDSCHMID	299.0	298.0
KARPERER	432.0	423.5
HOECHST AG	295.8	293.2
HOECHST	157.5	156.5
HORTEN	209.5	207.0
HUSSEL HLD	447.0	445.5
KALI SALZ	166.0	169.0
KARSTADT	459.0	453.0
KAUFHOFF	390.0	384.0
KLOECK H	138.2	138.0
KLOECK W	102.5	97.5
LINDE	708.0	698.5
LUFTHANSA	145.8	142.5
MAN	216.0	211.0
MANNESMAN	181.5	174.9
MERCEDES	573.0	566.0
METALLGES	306.0	306.0
NIXDORF PF	440.0	434.5
NORSK HYD	55.90	55.70
PHILIP KOP	627.0	613.5
PORSCHE	552.0	532.0
PREUSSAG	174.0	173.5
PWA	237.0	238.0
RHEINMETAL	299.0	300.0
RME	239.0	236.5
RWE	218.5	217.0
SALAMANDER	281.0	279.8
SCHERING	526.5	523.5
SEL	293.7	293.5
SIEMENS	466.0	460.5
THYSEN	161.6	158.0
VARTA	295.0	286.5
VEBA	266.5	262.7
VEW	159.4	159.5
VOLKSWAGEN	263.2	263.5

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.30	15.30
CHONG K	7.00	7.00
CHINA GAS	15.90	15.80
CHINA L-P	15.60	15.50
CHINA MTR	20.80	21.00
COSMO PROP	2.80	2.80
EVERGOLD	4.49	4.48
FAR EAST C	6.67	6.69
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H C DEVELOP	8.55	8.60
H S INDEX	447.58	458.82
HANG LUNG	4.80	4.77
HANG SENG	27.10	27.30
HAW PAR BR	9.70	7.05
HK ELEC CO	7.05	7.05
HK KONGLO	7.45	7.95
HK LAND CO	5.90	5.95
HK SHAN BK	4.37	4.40
HK SHAN IT	5.20	5.25
HK TELE CO	8.10	8.10
HUTCHISON	11.70	11.70
IND EQ PAC	12.70	12.80
JARDINE H	8.50	8.60
KOMCOON H	10.40	10.60
NEW WORLD	2.67	2.70
PAUL Y CON	6.85	6.85
REALITY DEV	1.80	1.81
S H K PROP	10.10	10.20
S H K PROP	2.35	2.37
SIME DARBY	2.70	2.72
STELUX HFG	16.90	16.77
SHIRE PAC	12.80	12.80
T V B CO	3.52	3.60
TAI CHEUNG	1.51	1.52
UNION BANK	0	7.25
WOCK HAD	0	1.15
WOCK HARI	0	3.65
WORLD INTL	3.67	3.65

## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AJINOMOTO	2970	2970
AKAI ELEC	590	590
AKAI	916	925
ASAHI GLS	1950	1930
ASAHI OPT	658	670
BANK TOKYO	1530	1520
BRIDGESTON	1280	1280
CANON	1460	1480
CASIO COMP	1460	1480
CHUGAI PHM	1550	1550
CITIZEN W	865	890
D-ICHI KAP	2830	2810
DAI NIPPON	807	791
DAI NIPPON	2650	2640
DAI NIPPON	1030	1030
DAI NIPPON	610	615
DATCEL	820	829
DAIWA SEC	1980	2010
DAIWA SEC	2220	2240
EBRA MFG	1020	1000
EISAI	1990	2000
FUJITSU	1780	1790
FUJI BANK	3130	3130
FUJI PHOTO	3490	3530
FUJISAWA	1830	1810
FUJITA CP	715	719
HITACHI	1800	1810
HONDA MOT	2210	2190
ISETAN	2130	2120
ITO YOKADO	4030	4030
JAP SYN RJ	1060	1070
JAPAN AIR	13700	13800
JAPAN NET	607	615
KAJIMA	1410	1420
KANSAI EL	2990	2960
KAO SOAP	1750	1750
KAWASAKI H	695	703
KAWASAKI S	820	821
KIRIN BREW	1850	1860
KOMATSU	760	753
KUBOTA LTD	798	790
KYOCERA	5470	5480
MAKITA EL	1600	1610
MARUI	2920	2900
MATSUBA EI	2630	2650
MATSUBA EI	0	2660
NETJI SEIK	970	991
NITTSU CP	1090	1080
NITTSU EL	1000	999
NITTSU EST	2390	2410
NITTSU HYY	973	971
NITTSU JCI	875	871
NITTSUKOSHI	1780	1800
NITSUMI EL	1020	1040
NICHICOM	1320	1300
NITOH CHMT	795	790
NIKKO SEC	1690	1680
NIP ELEC	2060	2060
NIP KOKKAN	763	763
NIP OIL	1100	1120
NIP STEEL	785	790
NIP YUSEN	785	793
NIS MOTOR	1210	1220
NOMURA SEC	3380	3400
OHBA CO	892	891
OLYMPUS	1120	1110
PENTA OCN	855	858
PIONEER	3700	3740
RENOAM	920	915
RICOH	1270	1270
SANKYO	2100	2100
SANYO ELEC	750	755
SEIYU ST	2080	2080
SEKISUI PB	1680	1680
SHARP	1150	1150
SHISEIDO	1650	1650
SONY	6960	6950
SUMITOMO	1030	1030
TAISEI	931	945
TAISHO HRN	1060	1060
TAKEDA CH	2630	2640
TEIJIN	809	805
TKO NEW IX	151.86	150.82
TOKIO MNR	1850	1850
TOKYO ELEC	1320	1330
TOKYO SAMA	1300	1310
TOKYO POAR	5570	5680
TORAY IND	865	863
TOSHIBA EL	1160	1170
TOTO	2030	2010
TOYO KKOBY	715	719
TOYOTA MOT	2700	2710
YAMAHA	1430	1420
YAMATACHI	1710	1720
YAMAZAKI	4180	4210
YAMAZAKI	1430	1440

## Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE SLIGHTLY UP, OFF EARLY HIGHS

TOKYO, SEPT 19, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED THE DAY SLIGHTLY HIGHER AFTER GRADUALLY SLIDING DOWN FROM THEIR INITIAL HIGHS, BROKERS SAID.

"THE MARKET IS FIRING, BUT A LITTLE ENERGETIC BECAUSE IT'S MONDAY. IT WILL CLIMB UP SLOWLY UNTIL OCTOBER," SAID TOSHIYUKI NISHITOGUCHI, A BROKER AT DAIWA SECURITIES.

"BUT FROM OCTOBER, BECAUSE OF THE NTT ISSUE AND THE START OF THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR, WE WILL SEE FULL-LEDGED ENERGY," HE ADDED.

THE NIKKEI INDEX FIRMED 34.62 POINTS, OR 0.12 PCT, TO 27,901.02. IT WAS UP 60.71 POINTS ON FRIDAY.

FALLS SLIGHTLY OUTPAID RISES BY 1.1 TO ONE IN TURNOVER OF ONE BILLION SHARES AGAINST 1.1 BILLION.

DECLINING ISSUES WERE LED BY RAILWAY/BUS, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, OIL, PHARMACEUTICAL, AIRLINE, CREDIT/LEASE, WAREHOUSE, RETAIL, BANK, FOOD AND SERVICE SHARES.

PULP/PAPER, COMMUNICATIONS, GAS, SHIPBUILDING, ROLLING STOCK, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, SECURITIES HOUSE, SHIPPING, REAL ESTATE AND SOME MANUFACTURING SHARES LED THE ADVANCES.

THE INDEX ROSE TO A HIGH 28,034.03 IN INITIAL TRADE, PARTLY ON EXPECTATIONS CURRENCY RATES WILL SETTLE DOWN AND WORLDWIDE INTEREST RATES WILL STOP THEIR UPWARDS CLIMB.

BUT SHARE PRICES SHED SOME OF THEIR GAINS IN AFTERNOON TRADE ON SHORT-TERM PROFIT-TAKING.

THE 28,000-POINT LEVEL IS SEEN AS A CHALLENGE, BUT ONE INVESTORS ARE A BIT APPREHENSIVE ABOUT PURSUING JUST NOW.

"INVESTORS ARE A LITTLE UNCERTAIN ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE MARKET CAN KEEP GOING HIGHER. A LOT OF TRADE HAS BEEN CENTERED ON A FEW STOCKS AND THERE IS SOME CONCERN ABOUT THIS," SAID A BROKER AT NIKKO SECURITIES. "BUT I DON'T THINK IT IS A REAL WORRY."

THE MAIN PLAYERS WERE INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS, WITH SOME INVESTORS GRADUALLY COMING OFF THE SIDELINES.

## Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, SEPT 19, REUTER - STOCKS CLOSED EASIER WITH TURNOVER AT A TWO-YEAR LOW.

THE HANG SENG INDEX SHED 11.24 POINTS TO 2,447.58 AGAINST LAST FRIDAY'S CLOSE OF 2,458.82 AND THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX WAS DOWN 7.85 TO 1,614.83.

TURNOVER TOTALLED 230.47 MLN DLRS -- THE LOWEST SINCE JULY 14, 1986 WHEN 204.70 MLN DLRS WORTH OF SHARES WERE TRADED.

SOME 368,534 MLN DLRS IN STOCK WAS TRADED ON FRIDAY.

"BOTH BUYERS AND SELLERS WERE JUST WITHOUT INTEREST, IT IS DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY THE REASONS," ONE BROKER SAID.

## AMMAN

AMMAN		
	OPNG	CLSE
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.20	1.19
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.71	1.72
ARAB BANK	109.0	108.5
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.90	3.85
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.38	1.38
ARAB INSURANCE	0.89	0.88
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.90	0.90
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER CON/TRA	0.28	0.28
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	1.90	1.90
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.02	15.03
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.00	28.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.66	0.66
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.63	1.66
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.49	0.49
FINANCE/CREDIT/COO	0.56	0.56
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	3.55	3.95
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.33	1.31
GENERAL MINING.	1.36	1.35
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.40	1.35
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.66	0.66
INDSTR. DEVLPT/BK	1.51	1.50
INDSTR./COMM/AGR.	1.16	1.16
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. CO/INV	0.18	0.18
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.86	0.86
ISLAMIC INV. CHSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.29	1.30
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.25	14.00
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.22	1.21
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.61	1.63
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	0.95	1.03
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.88	0.89
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.65	1.66
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.		0.59 0.58
JOR LIM BRICK		0.20 0.20
JOR MANAG/CONSULT		0.50 0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK		2.56 2.57
JOR PAPER CARD/BRDG		3.15 3.18
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS		2.30 2.50
JOR PIPES MANUFACT		1.26 1.26
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.		2.00 2.15
JOR PRINTING/PACK.		4.00 0.45
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.		0.74 0.77
JOR SECURITY CORP.		0.74 0.75
JOR SELPHO CHEN.		2.57 2.66
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY		1.15 1.19
JOR WORSTED MLL		4.64 4.60
JOR. KUWAIT AGT		1.00 1.00
JOR. PAPER INM REF		7.66 7.65
JOR. FRENCH INS.		4.48 4.54
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.		0.30 0.30
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SPINING MEYING		0.89 0.90
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UNITED INSURANCE		0.96 0.96
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND		1.55 1.54
UNIVERSAL INS.		0.69 0.69
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES		0.68 0.68
YARMOUK INSURANCE		1.05 1.10



## Dollar slightly down

## Gold touches 18-month low in London

LONDON, Sept 19, (Reuters): Gold tumbled again today as falling oil and grain prices helped convince still more traders that inflation risks were fading.

The dollar eased slightly and Wall Street stocks fell.

Dealers seemed little concerned with the International Monetary Fund and World Bank annual meetings due to open in West Berlin on Thursday.

"There has been a lot of pre-publicity that officials are satisfied with current developments and the feeling one gets is that they are going to rubber stamp present exchange rate levels," said a dealer at London investment bankers Morgan Grenfell and Co.

## Lowest

Gold fell to its lowest value in a year-and-a-half, touching \$405.50 an ounce in early Zurich trading. It was fixed in London at \$409 this afternoon, down \$6.15 from Friday afternoon.

"Gold is an orphan, nobody wants it," said a precious metals man in New York.

Bullion is popular with many investors when they think inflation will erode the value of cash or securities.

But with a worldwide glut of oil depressing prices, as Brent crude oil from the North Sea fell as much as 45 cents a barrel to \$13.25 for November delivery, inflation fears are easing.

In Chicago, wheat and corn prices, which had been pushed up

by drought in North America this summer, eased. Rotterdam feed grains were also lower.

"Traders are going to try to push gold down to \$400 in the next few days," said Graham Birch, precious metals analyst for brokers Kleinfelt Grieson and Co.

On Wall Street, however, dealers were disappointed that falling oil and commodity prices did not spark a bond market rally. They are concerned it could suggest investors are not completely convinced inflationary pressures are easing.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 23.47 points to a 2,074.68 at midday.

"There's just a low degree of conviction on the part of investors," said John Conlon, research director at Nikko Securities Co in New York.

The dollar, meanwhile, closed about half a penny and two-thirds a yen lower at 1.87 West German marks and 133.60 yen. It traded at \$1.6780 to the British pound sterling.

## Cautious

"It's time to be a bit cautious of being long dollars. I think the central banks are waiting for a good level to come in and sell the dollar while it's quiet," said Klaus Roskopf, foreign exchange manager at Security Pacific Bank in Frankfurt.

Meanwhile, the drop in gold prices rocked the Australian stock market as investors bailed

out of leading gold and mining stocks. Sydney shares fell 1.2 per cent.

UK equity prices closed mixed after a quiet day's trading. Many investors were happy to keep to the sidelines ahead of tomorrow's August money supply and bank lending data, both major indicators of inflationary pressure, dealers said.

## Higher

At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 was 1.2 points higher at 1,767.9 after an opening low of 1,762.7. Volume was subdued, with only 246 million shares changing hands before 1400 GMT.

Gains in selective speculative issues among the FTSE 100 share index constituents were mostly balanced by losses in stocks trading ex-dividend.

"People are very worried about inflation, so tomorrow's figures are of paramount importance," one trader said. "With volume so low and Wall Street falling, the only way we can go this afternoon is down."

The US stock market opened only slightly lower but the fall gathered pace on a lack of interest and in further technical reaction to Friday's triple option and futures expiry, traders in the US said.

Dealers said the most important of tomorrow's economic figures is M-4 bank lending, which is anticipated to show a rise of some \$8 billion after a nine billion increase in July.

Pearson, owners of the Financial Times newspaper and Lazards Merchant Bank, was a major feature with a rise of 47p to 736 amid speculation that fellow publisher Reed, 5p lower at 402, may be considering a bid, dealers said.

Dealers said it was rather ironic that the Pearson gains followed a statement by the company that it was not considering a merger proposal with Reed after exploratory talks. Reed said it was surprised at the defensive tone of Pearson's statement.

Analysts said the rise simply indicated a market-makers mark-up ahead of a potential bid situation and the majority rejected the idea of a full bid for Pearson in the near-term.

"With 40 per cent of Pearson stock in friendly hands a bid would be very difficult to win," one leading analyst in the publishing and printing sector said. He also thought a takeover from major shareholder Australian born publishing magnate Rupert Murdoch was unlikely because of his already large newspaper interests.

Murdoch owns around 18 per cent of Pearson after his holding was diluted by Pearson's share swap with Dutch publisher Elsevier.

Analysts estimate that to stand any chance of success, an offer for Pearson would have to be pitched at a minimum of 20 times 1988 earnings, translating into

£11 for each Pearson share and valuing the company at around £2.45 billion.

The Pearson mark-up sparked action in other speculative favourites, with Lonrho 5p higher at 269 amid continuing rumours that a buyer, thought to be of US origin, is building a stake in the company.

English China Clays added 7p at 465 after recent market talk RTZ may be considering a bid for the company, but hotel group Trusthouse Forte closed just 2p higher at 258 on profit-taking after touching 262 on rumours of stake-building in the company.

## Profits

Glaxo shed 17p to 986 after annual pre-tax profits of £832 million against 746 million last year. Dealers said the results were in line with forecasts but Wall Street's fall hurt the shares.

Textile group Coats Viyella slumped 21p to 178 after posting half-year profits of £76 million against £81 million, below most market expectations. Other textiles eased in sympathy.

In a nervous insurance sector, Commercial Union added 8p to 334 on relief that Hurricane Gilbert, which has caused havoc in the relatively under-insured areas of Jamaica and Mexico, had blown itself out before hitting the state of Texas. Commercial Union along with many other UK insurers would have faced large claims if it had hit Texas, analysts said.

## Prices could rise even higher

## OPEC president calls for co-operation

SINGAPORE, Sept 19, (KUNA): The president of OPEC, Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman today called for co-operation among all oil-producing countries "in the defence of oil market stability."

In his keynote address to the 4th international Asia-Pacific Petroleum Conference (APPEC) held here, Lukman said: "As a member of OPEC, Nigeria wholeheartedly accepts the view that co-operation among all oil producers is a necessity if the international oil market is to return to an orderly course in the years ahead."

He said that prices could rise even higher after 1989 if all oil producers co-operate to achieve market stability.

"We have all suffered from the vicissitudes of recent years that the oil market in recent years that we do not see any alternative to both producers and consumers co-operating in order to achieve a reasonable degree of market stability," he told some 800 delegates from 49 countries attending the three-day conference.

## Fluctuations

"No single group, oil producers or consumers, OPEC or non-OPEC oil producers, governments or private companies, can truly say that it has benefited from the fluctuations in the oil market during this decade," the minister added.

"Our call for co-operation in OPEC has been based on the reasoned view that the burden of defending oil market stability should be the joint responsibility of all market participants," Lukman said.

"The events of 1986 remain fresh in our minds, and there can be no better proof of the consequences of such a situation when we opt to go our separate ways in the oil market."

The adverse effect on the oil supply from non-OPEC areas on

the international financial system, especially the bank failure rates in the United States, and on the pace of economic development in oil-producing countries, makes a strong case for co-operation in the defence of oil market stability."

The minister pointed out that "Nigeria is endowed with a total oil reserve of about 16 billion barrels, providing a 30-year lifespan at current production levels."

"Consequently, our interest in stable markets is at once a recognition of our longer-term involvement in the oil industry, as well as our strong belief in the mutual benefit that a regime of stable prices offers to all participants in the oil industry. This interest has prompted our desire to play a stabilising role in the oil market," he said.

## Growth

Earlier, in his opening address, Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry Brig. Gen. Lee Hsien Loong said the growth of oil consumption in the Asia-Pacific region "is one of the highest in the world."

"Usage volumes for South Asia and Southeast Asia have tripled since 1968," he said. "Singapore, as the world's 3rd largest refining centre, already has a physical market to support oil trading. Our strategic location and comprehensive physical and business infrastructure enables us to serve major producers in the Middle East, Indonesia and China on the one hand, and large Asian consumers like Japan, North Asia and India on the other."

## Support

"We are, therefore, well-placed to support the oil trade in the Asia-Pacific region, in the same way that London, Rotterdam and New York support their respective geographic regions and time zones," Lee said. Referring to the booming

petroleum trade in Singapore, Lee said "forty-seven million metric tonnes of oil were traded in the first half of this year. In oil trade terms, the two-way trade is 1.9 million barrels per day, an increase of 28 per cent over last year."

To promote offshore oil trading in Singapore, the minister announced that the government will grant a concessionary tax rate of 10 per cent to international oil trading activities, effective from January 1989.

Plans

Lee said the government has also completed plans to establish an oil futures market in Singapore. The Singapore International Monetary Exchange (SIMEX) is preparing to launch an oil futures contract early next year.

"Singapore is already the biggest bunker port in the world, supplying 8.5 million tonnes annually, or 150,000 barrels per day. The futures contract will complement this trade," Lee said.

Another keynote address will be delivered tomorrow by the Egyptian Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Abdel-hadi Kandil.

Heading Kuwait's 16-man delegation at the conference was Ahmed Al Mutairi, chairman of Kuwait National Petroleum Company.

Prince Abdul Aziz Bin Al Saud, who is the special assistant to the Minister of Petroleum in Dhahran, led the six-man team from Saudi Arabia.

Bahrain and the UAE were also represented by six-man delegations while Oman had four delegates and Qatar three.

Omani chief delegate, Rashid Bin Khalid Al Barwani, director of marketing, Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals, will deliver a paper tomorrow on "the role of Oman in the oil world."

## Inter-bank KD deposit rates soar

## Kuwait money supply growth slows

AT the end of the second quarter of 1988, money supply fell to KD 4820 million from KD 4909 million at the end of the previous quarter. Sight deposits and deposits denominated in foreign currencies increased by 5.3 per cent and 5 per cent respectively.

Currency in circulation also increased but at a lower rate (1.7 per cent), whereas savings deposits, time deposits and certificates of deposit decreased in the second quarter of 1988 by 9.6 per cent, 4.5 per cent and 17.4 per cent respectively below their levels in the previous quarter, according to CBK Quarterly Statistical Bulletin.

In the second quarter of 1988 inter-bank KD deposit interest rates rose significantly on all maturities. For example, interest rates rose by 28.6 per cent (from 4.81 per cent to 6.19 per cent) on three-month deposits and by 16.7 per cent (from 5.23 per cent to 6.10 per cent) on one-year deposits.

This increase in KD interest rates was associated with a decline in inter-commercial bank KD deposits and in inter-bank deposits between commercial and specialised banks by 20.6 per cent and 57.2 per cent respectively below their levels in the previous quarter.

## Improved

During the second quarter of 1988, the average KD exchange rate slightly improved increasing by 0.02 per cent over the previous quarter.

The US dollar exchange rate ranged between 272.76 fils and 281.03 fils, i.e. an average of

## 274.87 fils.

The performance of the KD exchange rate against other major currencies in the second quarter of 1988 as compared with the previous quarter was mixed. It appreciated by 2.53 per cent and 1.75 per cent against the Italian lira and the Deutsche mark respectively, while it depreciated by 2.67 per cent and 1.81 per cent against the pound sterling and the Japanese yen respectively.

It was noted, however, that the performance of the KD against major currencies during the second quarter of 1988 was more stable than that of the US dollar, as the rates of change of the KD exchange rate against these currencies were lower than those of the US dollar against the same currencies.

## Value

During the second quarter of 1988, the Central Bank has issued Treasury bills to the value of KD 770 million and Treasury bonds to the value of KD 50 million.

The value of Treasury bills that matured during this quarter reached KD 510 million, leaving the balance of public debt instruments, as of 30th June 1988, at KD 1394.5 million (KD 770 million of Treasury bills, and KD 624.5 million of Treasury bonds).

The aggregate balance sheet of local banks (commercial and specialised) totalled KD 12749 million at the end of second quarter of 1988, thus recording a decline of KD 196 million or 1.5 per cent below its level in the

## previous quarter.

On the assets side, local investments surged up by KD 175 million, credit facilities to residents were up by KD 46 million and foreign assets increased by KD 125 million, while banks' balances with the Central Bank dropped by KD 189 million from its level in the previous quarter.

## Deposits

On the liabilities side, government deposits with local banks dropped by KD 57 million, while private sector deposits and foreign liabilities increased by KD 32 million and KD 126 million respectively over their levels in the previous quarter. Also Central Bank claims on local banks (deposits, loans and discounts) increased by 23.2 per cent mainly due to a surge in discount operations by KD 110.7 million over their levels in the previous quarter.

Public revenue, slightly decreased during the second quarter of 1988 to KD 429.9 million, i.e. by 0.65 per cent below their level in the previous quarter.

This decrease resulted from the reduction in oil revenue by 2.8 per cent to KD 358.1 million, compared with KD 368.3 million in the previous quarter. Other revenues have markedly increased to KD 71.8 million against KD 64.4 million in the previous quarter.

On the other side, public expenditure increased during the second quarter of 1988 to KD 668.1 million i.e. 12.3 per

cent over its level in the previous quarter. It was noticed that public expenditure recorded an across-the-board increase, especially in capital expenditure (152 per cent), transfers to the budgets of attached and independent agencies (26 per cent) and current account (6.3 per cent), which rose to KD 396.4 million.

The official securities market performance during the second quarter of 1988 was characterised by noticeable activity.

The number of traded shares totalled 970 million shares at a value of KD 198 million, distributed over 20 thousand transactions, against 344.6 million shares at a value of KD 82.6 million, distributed over 8 thousand transactions in the previous quarter.

## Activity

This activity came as a result of several developments, the most important of which may be the implementation of the clearing system in the market, starting from May 28, 1988, to facilitate buying and selling of the same shares more than once during the day.

The month of June had the highest share in total activity during this quarter according to available indicators, which are three key indicators, which are volume of traded shares (71.9 per cent), number of transactions (70.5 per cent) and value of shares (74.5 per cent).

On the other side, detailed data on market trading show that trading was concentrated on bank shares (34.5 per cent of total official market trading).

## Jordan and India to sign labour accord

AMMAN, Sept 19, (Reuters): Jordan, which employs nearly 3,000 Indians, will sign a labour accord with India in October to regulate manpower transfers and protect their working rights in the kingdom, an embassy source said today.

He told Reuters the agreement to formalise bilateral manpower and labour ties would allow Indians working here to enjoy the same job rights given to Jordanian workers including their admission into the state-run pension scheme.

Jordanian Labour Minister Marwan Doudin will visit India in mid-October to sign the accord. It ratifies an agreement in principle reached between the two countries in Amman in November 1986.

Indians in Jordan are employed in health, engineering, business, industrial, and agricultural sectors.

## Lebanese pound dives

BEIRUT, Sept 19, (Reuters): The Lebanese pound plunged against the dollar today on fears of a crisis after Christian leaders rejected a Syrian-UN accord on this week's presidential election.

Dealers said fiery statements by Christian leaders on Sunday triggered a rush to buy dollars by people fearing increased political instability after 13 years of civil war.

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## Capitalisation now in vogue in Egypt

## Private sector gets a greater role

CAIRO, Sept 19, (Reuters): Wagih Abaza, who took part in the 1952 revolution that brought socialism to Egypt, still winces if he is called a capitalist.

But Abaza concedes that capitalism is no longer a dirty word in Egypt, where he now owns a chain of private car dealerships.

"It's much better to let people compete," he said. "You need to have something inside pushing you to have more success in your work."

Abaza represents an ambivalent but steady shift towards a free-market system in Egypt, where there is growing acceptance that the state-run economy introduced after Gamal Abdel Nasser's revolution was largely a failure.

## Pressure

Slowly, and under the pressure of a \$43-billion foreign debt, the government is allowing private enterprise to take a leading role. "We are going in a direction that I don't think anybody can reverse — a greater and greater role for the private sector," said Ahmed Al Dersh, a government economist.

The move toward a liberal economy began when Anwar Sadat turned his back on the Soviet Union, expelling Soviet advisers in 1972, and began courting the West.

The political about-face was coupled with an economic policy of "infatuation (opening)" in the mid-1970s. The key measure was law 43 which protected capital from nationalisation and ensured free transfer of profits.

But the 1974 law left many obstacles to private business and capital remained shy throughout the 1970s. Food riots in 1977 and Sadat's assassination in 1981 created more uncertainty.

At the same time, Egyptian politicians raised on socialist ideas were wary of removing the social safety net created under Nasser which included price controls and guaranteed public jobs. An important turning point came in 1986, when Egypt suffered a hard currency crisis and had to approach the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for help.

"It's not that overnight they (officials) were convinced of capitalism," said Mohammed Sahraghy, who directs an investment promotion office in Cairo. "It's that overnight they stuck their hands in their pockets and there wasn't any money."

## Hurdles

In the last few years, some major bureaucratic hurdles have been dismantled, including an import-control committee and an export board that reviewed — and seriously delayed — most foreign transactions.

Foreign investments under law 43, which offers five-to-10 year tax breaks to investors, have slowly increased. As of last June, capital worth \$3.16 billion had been invested in 1,369 projects under the law.

The projects pay wages to 201,000 workers, according to official statistics, a small but growing segment of the 14.9 million people employed in Egypt.

Businessmen and Western diplomats say problems remain. A \$300-million project to produce General Motors cars and parts in Egypt fell through last year, in part because of entrenched public sector interests.

But exporters, in particular, say President Hosni Mubarak's government has taken important steps to remove obstacles.

"It used to be that the export business was one of the worst undertakings you could imagine in Egypt, full of red tape, full of government intervention," said Ibrahim Kamel, whose company

makes perfume oils and food-stuffs.

Today, we are able to process an export order in less than 24 hours and put the goods on the plane to anywhere in the world."

Although the largely unprofitable public sector continues to dominate the economy, the government has set a target for private sector participation of 38.7 per cent by 1992, up from about 25 per cent in 1986/87.

Government planners, wary of public enterprises, are hoping to restructure the system to allow profit-generating incentives.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Sept 19, (Reuters): Shares closed weaker as the leading gold and mining stocks slumped in line with weaker gold bullion prices. The All-Ordinaries index closed 19.7 points, or 1.2 per cent, down at 1,540.2.

TOKYO: Shares closed slightly higher after gradually sliding from initial highs and one broker forecast a continued slow climb until October when more energy would return to the market. The Nikkei index closed up 34.62 points at 27,901.00.

HONG KONG: Stocks closed easier with turnover down to a two-year low and one broker forecasting bearish sentiment remaining for the week. The Hang Seng index closed 11.24 down at 2,447.58.

SINGAPORE: Prices fluctuated narrowly in thin trading

due to an absence of fresh incentives. The Straits Times industrial index was down 2.41 at 1,062.52.

BOMBAY: Prices rose on a broad front on speculative and institutional buying.

PARIS: Prices were firm but trade was quiet with both domestic and foreign investors sidelined after strong rises last week. The 50-share bourse indicator was up by 0.16 per cent.

LONDON: Prices were mixed in quiet trade with investors awaiting tomorrow's release of British economic data.

FRANKFURT: Lively buying interest from foreign investors continued to push up prices and the real-time Dax 30-share index hit a 1988 high of 1,253.81, a 1.4 per cent rise, before slipping just over a point at the close.

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## Dear Junior Readers,

There do seem to be a lot of people around these days who think that good manners and politeness are old-fashioned ideas which have no place in our fast-moving, hi-tech world. They will say that nowadays, no-one has time to hold doors open for others, wait one's turn in a queue or even say 'please' and 'thank you'.

Some rules of behaviour might seem to be unimportant, but, in general, we have such rules to help us to care about others so, that we do not go crashing selfishly through life without a thought for people's feelings. The world has come a long way since the days when people lived in caves and fought and killed for their daily needs. But, I am sorry to say that for all we have done in, for example, science, medicine, art and education, there are still many people who live and behave little better than those cave-men!

Auntie Joyce

## General knowledge quiz

1. What is the difference between slander and libel?
2. What is the difference between a tombola and tombolo?
3. What does a meteorologist mean when he refers to 'low' in giving weather forecasts?
4. What is a tourniquet and how is it applied?
5. Of what oath are these the first words: 'I swear by Apollo, the Physician...?'
6. What is the 'hunting' which is done in some churches?
7. What does a cardiograph register?
8. What is the traditional name given to the log burned on a Christmas fire?
9. In street lighting two predominant colours are being used. What are they and what metallic elements are used in the tube to give these colours?
10. What were the ballistae that the Romans used to attack when they besieged a city?
11. What was the testudo — or tortoise — that the Romans used when they besieged a city?
12. What kind of weather does an anti-cyclone usually bring?
13. Complete this weather lore saying: 'A red sky at night is...'
14. What kind of dramatic presentation is given at Oberammergau every ten years?
15. What would you expect to find in a phial?
16. What is the term of office of the President of the United States of America?
17. What is wrong about this statement: 'Tin Pan Alley is a street noted for the sale of cooking utensils'?

Solution on Thursday

Retold by Stephen Corrin

THERE once lived an old man who had three sons. He was very fond of them for they were all excellent lads. The old man didn't have much money but he did have a most comfortable house and he could not make up his mind which son to leave his house to.

"They have all been such good sons to me," he thought to himself. "I'm afraid I shall have to sell the house and share out the money I get for it among the three of them."

So he called his sons together and told them of his plan.

"Father," they said, "we know you want to be fair to us but we really don't want you to sell our comfortable house. Your grandfather and father before you, with their families, all lived in it; it is a very nice house and we all love it. Please do not sell it."

The father smiled. "I really am glad you think that way, my boys," he said. "Of course, I would rather not sell the house. But how else can I leave you each an equal share of what I have?"

"Listen, Father," said the eldest son, who was a very thoughtful young man. "Let all three of us go out into the world for one year to learn a trade — whichever trade we like

best. And when we come back you must decide which one of us has learnt his job best. And to him you will leave the house. In that way this splendid house will not go out of the family."

The other two sons said, "Yes! Yes! An excellent idea!" So the father agreed to let them go, though he was truly sorry to be without them for a whole year.

Now what trade do you think they chose? The eldest said: "I am going to learn to be a blacksmith. I love attending to horses, and, besides, it will make my muscles very strong."

The second son said: "I have always wanted to be a barber. I can handle a razor well. That's the trade for me."

"And I," said the third, "I am going to learn to be a fencer. I am light and nimble on my feet and I have a good eye. I think I shall make a first-rate fencing-master."

So one fine morning — it was the first of June — the three lads said good-bye to their father and set off on their separate ways. They were all going to be back by eight o'clock in the morning on the first of June the following year.

Well, the year went by slowly for the poor father,

for he was lonely without his sons, but it passed very quickly for the boys. They were so busy learning their trades with their teachers that they did not notice the time passing. By about March, however, they had all finished learning their trade and each received a certificate of excellence from his master.

The eldest son was such an expert blacksmith that even the King heard about him and hired him to shoe the royal horses.

The second son, too, turned out to be a first-class barber and the smartest people came to him to have their hair and beards trimmed.

The third son found things somewhat harder, for the land was full of fine fencers and it was quite a time before his fame had spread. But he was never discouraged. He was really determined to be the best fencer, not only in the land, but in the whole world.

At last on the first of June at eight o'clock in the morning, they arrived at their father's house and he gave them a tremendous welcome. He had missed them very much.

But now the question was: how was he to find out which one had learnt his trade best? The sons didn't

argue about it but each secretly thought to himself that he would get the house.

They all went out for a walk over the fields to think the matter over. Suddenly a little rabbit came sprinting towards them. The barber took out his mug and soap, whipped up a foaming lather and, as the rabbit was actually rushing past them, he lathered the bunny's chin and shaved it nice and clean. He did it so fast that the rabbit barely noticed.

His father was amazed. "This boy will surely have the house," he thought. "There can't be a faster barber in the whole land."

Just then a gnat came buzzing close by, flying just above their heads. The blacksmith got his tools together and in a jiffy had fitted it with tiny golden horse-shoes, each carefully secured with tiny golden pins that didn't hurt. He did this all the while the gnat was actually flying!

"Goodness me!" thought the father, "he's even better than his brother. I suppose I shall have to leave the house to him."

Just then it started to rain, slightly at first but then more and more heavily. But before a single



drop had fallen on his head the third son had drawn his sword and swung it this way and that, and in all directions above his head, to beat each droplet away from him. Fast as the rain fell, his gleaming sword was even faster. Thick and fast it poured down, drenching all the others, but the youngest son remained absolutely dry. He flashed his sword this way and that above him, never getting tired, and he remained as dry as though he were sitting at home.

The father was absolutely amazed. "Truly remarkable! Truly wonderful!" he said. "To you I must leave the house. Your brothers have certainly mastered their trade but you are a supreme master."

The other two brothers thoroughly agreed with their father and felt proud of their clever young brother.

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2. A doggy PET
3. A small piece of a PET
4. A 'Punch and Judy' sort of PET
5. A floor-covering PET

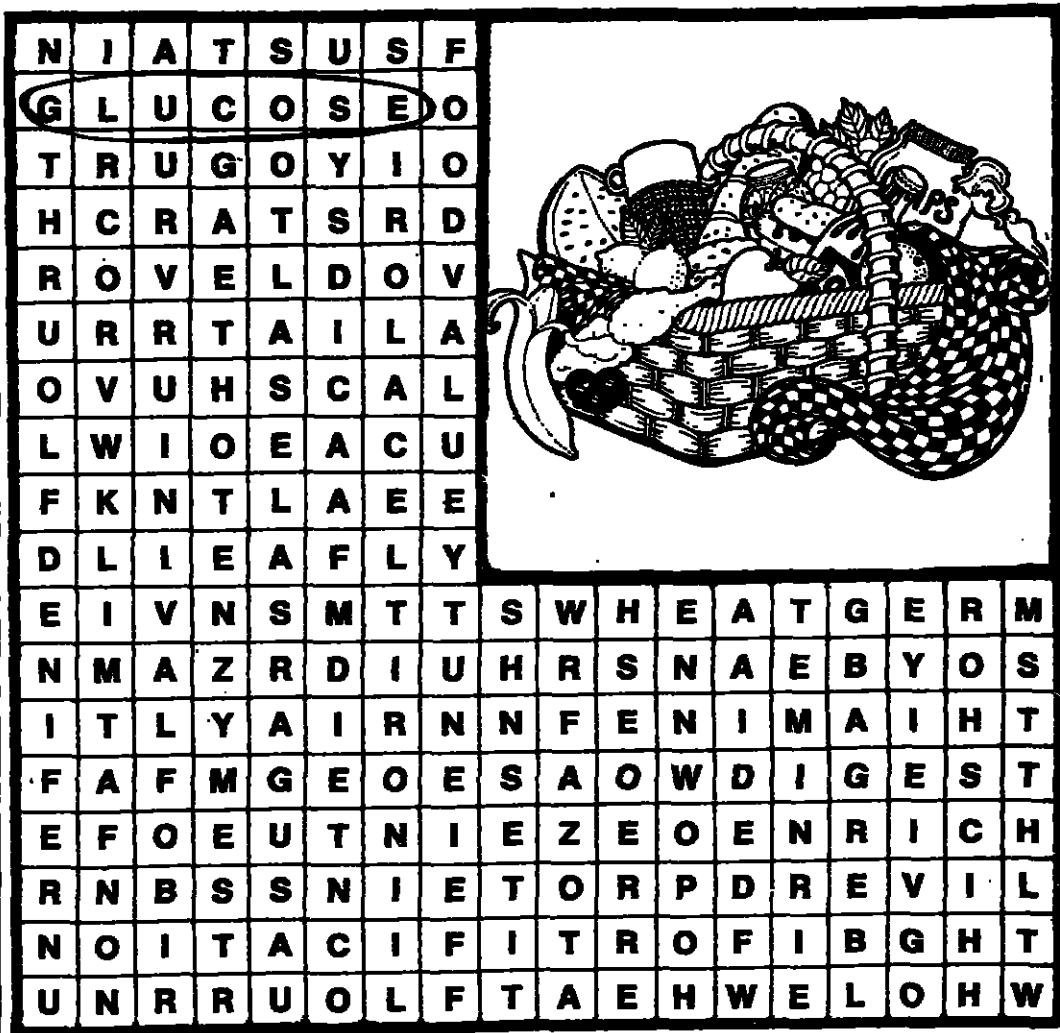
## WORD ARITHMETIC

These are simply long-division problems in which letters are substituted for the numbers 0 to 9. Solve each problem, writing every letter, as you discover its value, above the correct number on the line provided. When you are finished, the letters will spell out a word or phrase.

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O A L F L  
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F T O K Y  
F A G O Y  
L O A G
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H E E L | G R A P H I C  
I E E C R  
A A H I  
H E E L  
H A H P C  
H P E L T  
I H E T

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GLUCOSE	STARCH
HEALTH FOOD	SUGARS
IRON	SUSTAIN
LIVER	THIAMINE
NONFAT MILK	UNREFINED FLOUR
PEANUT FLOUR	VITAMINS
PROTEINS	WHEAT GERM
RIBOFLAVIN	WHOLE WHEAT FLOUR
	YOGURT
	ZEIN



Clue: Too fat! (10 letters)

## Definitely Yours

Fourteen words are defined. As a help to you, all the words contain the same number of letters, and also begin with the same letter.

1. Sign of the zodiac
2. Kind of cheese
3. Fraction
4. American politician
5. Private room
6. Small clump of trees
7. Italian woman
8. Orange-yellow colour
9. Kind of hat
10. Container for books
11. Soft drink
12. Purchaser
13. Sort of onion
14. Brimstone

Solution on Thursday

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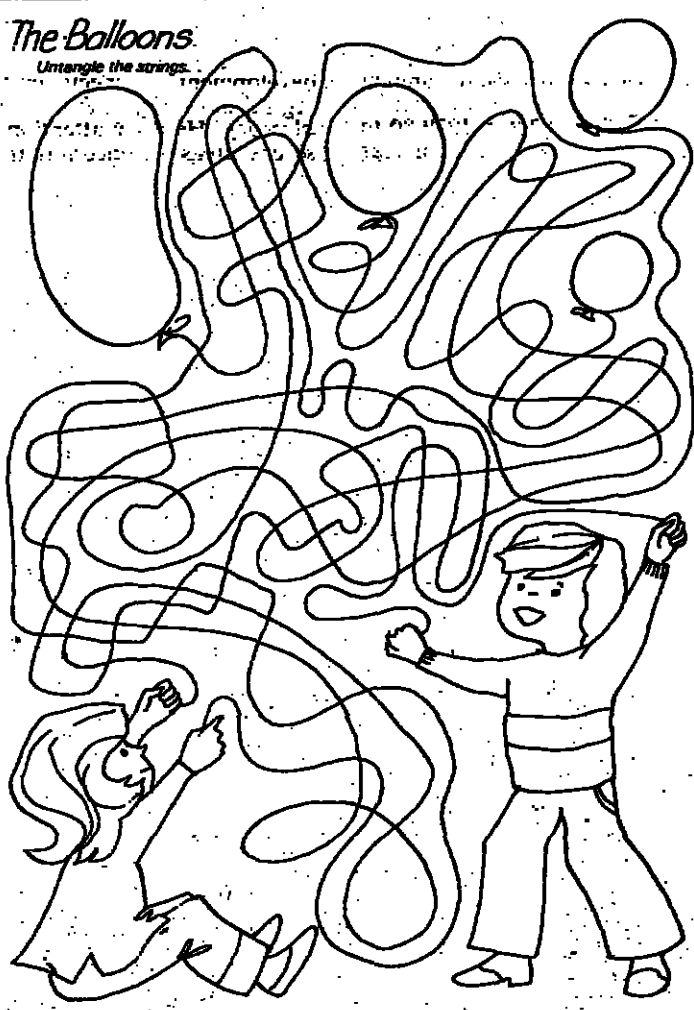
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EVANS AND OTTO TAKE FIRST OLYMPIC GOLDS

# Armstrong stuns Gross and Biondi

SEOUL, Sept. 19. (Reuters): Unheralded Australian Duncan Armstrong played swimming giant Matt Biondi and Michael Gross and romped away with an Olympic gold medal in an astonishing climax to a day of excitement in the Olympic pool today.

Armstrong swam the race of his life as he charged past ace American sprinter Biondi on the last length of the 200 metres freestyle final and dispossessed West German defending champion Gross of both his Olympic title and world record.

Cause

Briton Adrian Moorhouse had earlier rescued what would have been a lost cause for a lesser fighter. He captured the 100 metres breaststroke title by just 0.01 of a second in a nerve-jangling finish after trailing a distant sixth at the halfway mark.

East German Kristin Otto and American Janet Evans, the outstanding all-round women swimmers in Seoul, made their first excursions to the rostrum to collect gold medals — Otto for the 100 metres freestyle and Evans for the 400 metres individual medley.

But Armstrong capped the day by scooping Australia's 100th Olympic swimming title, remarkably carving nearly three seconds from his best pre-Seoul



Evans raises her arms in victory. (Reuters wirephoto)

The Australian, third behind Biondi and Sweden's European champion Anders Holmertz until the last length, surged home in one minute 47.25 seconds, slicing 0.19 from Gross's world and Olympic mark.

He also continued an Aus-

tralian giant-killing tradition, following the upset victory team-mate Jon Sieben achieved over Gross in the 200 metres butterfly at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

"All eight finalists had medal chances but Armstrong was as big a surprise as Sieben, and he

was in lane six too," said Gross. Holmertz, who topped Gross at the 1987 European Championships, clinched the silver in 1:47.89 and Biondi, on track for medals in seven events, took the bronze in 1:47.99.

"The world record is just a bonus that came with it. I'm tickled pink," Armstrong, Commonwealth 400 metres freestyle champion, said.

Gross, twice world 200 freestyle champion and world record-holder for the past five years, was never in the picture and managed only fifth place in 1:48.59.

"I always said you'd have to swim a world record to win. I was confident I could do it but wasn't up to it. I don't know why. When I tried to put on a spurt on the last length my arms felt as though they were full of air and I couldn't pull through the water," he said, adding he was disappointed with his time, not the result.

Biondi appeared relieved the pressure was off him to emulate the seven golds achieved by compatriot Mark Spitz in Munich in 1972. "I never said I wanted to equal Mark Spitz. I wanted my fastest times ever," he said.

"I'm really pleased with my swim. This is my worst event and I've medalled, so I'm really happy with that. The Mark Spitz thing is over. You didn't see Aus-

trilians and Swedes then. I'm proud of myself and I have to hand it to these two guys. They swam well," he added in tribute to Armstrong and Holmertz.

European champion Moorhouse, fully 1.30 seconds behind perennial Soviet rival Dmitri Volkov who went into the turn in a European record 28.12, surged back from sixth place to edge out Hungarian Karoly Guttler 1:02.04.

"I didn't realise that he was so close. I never saw him until it went up on the scoreboard. I felt sorry for him," said Moorhouse, no stranger to disappointment himself after finishing fourth at the 1984 Olympics and being disqualified for a faulty turn in the 1986 world championships after touching home first.

Otto, holder of seven world and seven European gold medals, clinched her first Olympic title with a runaway win in the 100 freestyle in 54.93. Zhuang Yong took the silver in 55.47, celebrating China's first-ever Olympic swimming medal.

Evans won the individual medley from Romania's European champion Noemi Lungi and looked forward to a golden treble with the 400 and 800 metres freestyle. "I just have to keep my mind on the other races. My freestyle feels good. I have confidence now," she said.



Louganis at the moment of impact when he hit the back of the head on the springboard. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Louganis qualifies despite head injury

SEOUL, Sept. 19. (Reuters): Defending champion Greg Louganis needed three stitches in a head wound after striking the springboard while attempting a difficult dive today. But he still qualified in third place for the Olympic springboard final.

American officials said there was no doubt Louganis would dive in tomorrow's final.

"There are no worries about concussion," one official said. "He was really angry with himself, but fortunately that board was flexible."

Clipped

Louganis, who had dived superbly all day to lead by eight points after eight rounds, clipped the leading edge of the board while attempting a reverse 2-1/2 somersaults.

The American smacked into the water out of control before swimming slowly to the side. Louganis, the reigning world champion, took his time climbing out, rubbing his head gingerly.

He was smiling by the time he had walked to the divers' rest area but there was obvious concern among American officials about his ability to continue.

A huge roar greeted Louganis's return to the pool for his 10th dive, an even more difficult manoeuvre involving 1-1/2 reverse

somersaults and 3-1/2 twists.

Amused at all the fuss, the American mouthed his thanks to those wishing him luck before locking himself into a cocoon of concentration on the board.

A standing ovation, and 9.5 points from two judges, greeted his perfect dive which garnered the highest points of the competition, 87.12.

However, on his final dive, the most difficult attempted in the competition, Louganis showed less than perfect control with his legs uncharacteristically wide apart in a tucked reverse 3-1/2 somersaults.

Louganis's ninth dive, which so nearly cost him a place in the final, earned him just 6.30 points and pushed him down to fifth place behind leader Tan Liangde of China.

Consistency

Tan, who finished second behind Louganis in Los Angeles and at the 1986 world championships, held on to win with 682.65 points.

European champion Albin Killat of West Germany, who showed great consistency throughout, was second with 642.60 while Louganis took third place with 629.67.

The top 12 qualify for the final. The qualifying points are not carried over.

## Soviets stay on top in gymnastics

SEOUL, Sept. 19. (Reuters): Romania's Daniela Silivas stole the show with two perfect marks, but Yelena Shushunova ensured the Soviet Union were well in control of the women's Olympic team gymnastics event after today's compulsory exercises.

Shushunova had one maximum mark of 10, as did East Germany's Dagmar Kersten, while much-heralded favourite Aurelia Dobro of Romania was left in the shadows.

Silivas was top scorer with 39.775 points to second-placed Shushunova's 39.725 but the Soviet team's strong all-round performance gave them the lead halfway through the competition with 197.385 points.

Romania were second on 196.425 and East Germany third on 195.425.

The compulsories are followed on Wednesday by optional exercises to determine the team medals, with each gymnast's scores also being partially carried forward to the individual events later.

Kersten scored the first perfect 10 of the competition with a dazzling display on the asymmetric bars. Minutes later, Silivas duplicated the feat, then went on to score another 10 with an extrovert and bouncy interpretation of the set floor exercises.

The performance completed the first part of Silivas' revenge over Dobro, who last year surprisingly outshone teammate — and Shushunova — to win the world all-round title.

### Superior

Shushunova herself, at 19 the veteran of a Soviet team which includes three 15-year-olds, competed in the evening session later but also was clearly superior to Dobro, who had performed with her left knee bandaged and was hesitant in some of her routines.

The Romanian team were in the crowd for the first half of the impressive Soviet performance, then left after seeing the size of their task if they are to repeat their victory over the Russians at the 1987 World Championships.

Shushunova, grim-faced before and during her routines, allowed herself a little smile as she completed her vault. The judges could not find fault and gave her a 10.

The Soviet gymnasts then outshone their main rivals on the beam, a traditional Romanian speciality where Dobro, 15, had showed signs of uncertainty in her movements.

The young Romanian finished well adrift of the leaders, half a point behind Shushunova and a further 0.05 behind Silivas — margins which could prove too wide to make up in the individual all-round contest later this week.

### Shooting event

SEOUL, Sept. 19. (Reuters): Fast-shooting Czechoslovak Miroslav Varga breezed his way to a gold medal in the smallbore free rifle prone event at the Olympics today, beating his more fancied rivals and the weather.

Soviet student Nino Salouk-yadze scored a clear victory in the women's sport pistol with 690 points after Jasna Sekaric of Yugoslavia, who was equal first going into the final round, failed with five shots and dropped to third place with 686.

## Iraq take Guatemala to task

TAEJON, South Korea, Sept. 19. (AP): Iraq blitzed Guatemala 3-0 today in the Olympic soccer tournament, improving its chances of advancing to the tournament's quarterfinals.

Iraq needs at least a draw on Wednesday against Italy to move into the round of eight.

Ahmed Amish scored Iraq's first goal in the 57th minute and Mudhafar Taufek added another in the 68th minute. Iraq's final score came on an own goal by Guatemalan defender Jaime Bartes in the 71st minute.

Iraq, with three points, shares the lead with Zambia in the tournament's Group B division. Zambia, a winner today over Italy, and Iraq played to a 2-2

draw in an opening match on Saturday.

Italy has two points in the standings followed by winless Guatemala, which faces Zambia on Wednesday.

Zambia, playing in the Olympics for the first time, scored the biggest upset so far of the soccer tournament when they humbled Italy 4-0.

### Completely

A superb hat-trick by Kalusha Bwalya scuppered the Italians who were completely outplayed in the Group B tie.

West Germany fared better than their European rivals. They qualified for the quarterfinals from Group A with a comprehensive 4-1 victory over Tunisia.

The experienced Italians, five of whom were in their country's squad for the European Championships in June, never got to grips with the Zambians' direct style.

Bwalya began his scoring spree in the 40th minute, his left foot slot finding the corner of the net.

His second goal was a curling free-kick and he completed his hat-trick with a tap-in right on the final whistle.

Italian coach Francesco Rocca described the defeat as disastrous but said he still thought his team would qualify for the quarterfinals.

West Germany, inspired by the elegant Juergen Klinsmann,

suffered a brief setback when Tunisia's Nabil Maoulou cancelled out Roland Grahammer's fourth minute goal.

But in the second half West Germany, chasing their first Olympic medal of any colour, took full control. Holger Fach, Frank Mill and Wolfram Wutke, with a penalty, were the Germans' other marksmen.

### Secured

Sweden took a step nearer a quarterfinal spot with a 2-0 win over China in Group A.

Goals from Peter Lonn and Jan Hellstrom in the first half secured victory for the Swedes and took them to within a point of group leaders West Germany.

## Schedule for fifth day of Olympics

SEOUL, Sept. 19. (Reuters): Timetable for the fifth day of the Olympics on Wednesday (all times GMT).

Basketball, men's preliminary round: 2245 (Tuesday) Brazil v US; 0145 Egypt v Canada; 0430 China v Spain; 0630 South Korea v Yugoslavia; 0930 Puerto Rico v Soviet Union; 1130 Central African Republic v Australia.

Boxing: 2400 (Tuesday) and 0900 preliminary bouts.

Cycling: 2400 (Tuesday) men's and women's sprint, qualifying round men's 4,000 metres individual pursuit, first round and quarter-finals men's points race, qualifying round (if necessary).

Equestrian: 2230 (Tuesday), three-day event, cross-country.

Fencing: 2230 (Tuesday) women's individual foil, preliminary round; 0400 men's individual foil, elimination rounds; 1000 final.

Soccer, preliminary rounds: 0700 Tunisia v China; 0900 Zambia v

Guatemala, Group B; 0900 Sweden v West Germany, Group A; Iraq v Italy, Group B.

Gymnastics: 0100 women's team optional exercises; 1030 team final.

Handball, women's preliminary round: 0400 Czechoslovakia v South Korea; 0530 Soviet Union v China; 0800 Yugoslavia v US; 0930 Norway v Ivory Coast.

Hockey, women's preliminary round: 2200 (Tuesday) Argentina v Britain; 0045 South Korea v West Germany; 0330 Netherlands v US; 0515 Australia v Canada.

Modern pentathlon: 0400 shooting competition.

Rowing, repechage: 2300 (Tuesday) women — all categories; 0130 men — all categories.

Shooting: 2200 (Tuesday) women's air pistol, qualifying round (40 shots); 0200 final (10 shots); women's small-bore standard rifle, qualifying round (3x20 shots); 0300 final (10 shots).

Swimming, finals: 0200 Men's 100 metres butterfly;

Women's 200 metres freestyle; Men's 400 metres individual medley; Women's 200 metres breaststroke; Men's 4x200 metres freestyle relay.

Water polo, preliminary round: 2300 (Tuesday) Hungary v Greece, Group B; 0015 Yugoslavia v US, Group B; 0130 China v Spain, Group B; 0400 Italy v Soviet Union, Group A; 0515 France v South Korea, Group A; 0630 West Germany v Australia, Group A.

Tennis: 0100 men's and women's singles, first round.

Weightlifting: 0730 kg (lightweight) 0400, 0700 and 1100 final.

Wrestling, Greco-Roman: 2400 (Tuesday) preliminary bouts, up to 52 kg (flyweight); 57 kg (bantamweight); 68 kg (lightweight); 100 kg (mid-heavyweight); over 100 kg (heavyweight); 0730 preliminary bouts: 57, 68, 82 over 100 kg. Finals: 52, 74, 100 kg.

Yachting: 0330 second race, all classes.

## Aqita misses training for six days

SEOUL, Sept. 19. (Reuters): Said Aouita, who is aiming for gold in the 800 and 1,500 metres at the Olympics, said today he had not trained for six days because of a stomach upset and was also suffering from a strained thigh muscle.

Aouita, the Olympic and world 5,000 metres champion, said he expected the problem with his left thigh muscle to clear up in the next three days.

"Everything is fine here except the food. I've not even had a sandwich today. I've had terrible stomach upsets and hadn't trained for six days until yesterday."

### Hurts

"With all the medicine I've taken I hope it's cleared up," the Moroccan said.

Aouita interrupted his training for massage on his left thigh and then jogged slowly for about 10 minutes.

"The thigh is giving me a bit of trouble but we'll see in three days. Sure it hurts a bit but what hurts most is waiting for the races to start," he said.

Aouita's first race, the 800 metres first round, is scheduled for Friday, opening day of the athletics competition.

## Soviets triumph in style

SEOUL, Sept. 19. (Reuters): Defending champions the United States and the Soviet Union, their top challengers for the gold medal, won their opening games of the Olympic women's basketball tournament in contrasting fashion today.

The United States survived a bruising encounter with Czechoslovakia to post an 87-81 win in their preliminary Group B match, while the Soviets routed Bulgaria 91-62 in Group A.

Confident fast breaking and

accurate outside shooting by the Soviet side made for a miserable day for Bulgaria.

Natalya Zasluskyaya spear-headed the assault with 23 points and 10 rebounds for the Soviets, who were runners-up to the Americans in the last world championships.

Dynamic pivot Teresa Edwards and Katrina McClain hauled the Americans out of trouble.

Edwards finished with 24 points, while McClain scored 19 and pulled down eight rebounds.

## US boxer crashes out after missing bout

SEOUL, Sept. 19. (Reuters): US middleweight Anthony Hembrick crashed out of the Olympic boxing tournament today without throwing a punch.

He was disqualified when he failed to show up for his eagerly awaited fight with South Korea's Ha Jong-Ho.

As Ha stood alone in the ring to be awarded a walkover, bewildered US officials hunted frantically for the missing boxer.

### Delay

"The whole mess was caused by a mix-up over the schedule and a delay in the bus from the Olympic village," embarrassed US team official Leslie King told reporters.

Coach Ken Adams said he took responsibility but complained he was misled by the schedule which is more complex than normal because of two rings being used simultaneously.

"I take the blame. But we thought we were on at the end of the morning session," he said.

Hembrick, an Army champion, was considered a good medal prospect. The American team lodged a formal appeal but it was turned down.

South Korean boxing officials pressed for the appeal to be thr-

own out.

"I have never heard such a lame excuse. If the decision is reversed then what's to stop any boxer doing the same?" said one official who did not want to be named.

Adding to the out-of-ring controversy, Canadian featherweight Jamie Pagendam was awarded a fight he originally lost to Mongolia's Tserendorj Amarjargal.

The appeals commission upheld a protest from Canadian officials who said the Mongolian had taken three standing counts in the second round of the last night fight and should have lost automatically.

The Ivory Coast referee was banned from refereeing again in the tournament, now in its third day.

Two Soviet boxers reached the next round though light-welterweight (63.5 kg) Vyacheslav Yanovsky had an unexpected battle to defeat Soren Sondergaard of Denmark.

The hulking European silver medalist took two rounds to nail down the slippery Dane who was probably ahead on points when caught by a vicious combination to the head.

In the morning session lightweight (60 kg) Konstantin Tszyu, a Soviet of Korean descent, demolished Leopoldo Constanancio of the Philippines in the first round with a right hook that would have done a heavyweight proud.

Two other middleweight (75 kg) medal contenders — East Germany's Henry Maske and Nigeria's Blessing Onoko — qualified for the next round of contrasting styles.

Maske, a double European champion, steered well clear of the fists of Malawi's Helman Paljje to pile up an overwhelming points lead. Onoko fought back from a shaky start to stop Ugandan Charles Lubulwa in the third round.

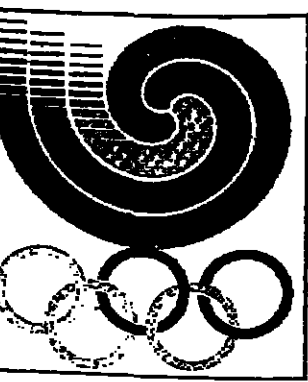
### Joined

Britain's Mark Elliot, son of a former Jamaican Olympic boxer, joined two of his compatriots in the next round when he outclassed Spain's Tomas Ruiz for a 5-0 decision.

A record Olympic entry of 440 boxers are contesting the 12 medals on offer and the organisers have been forced to use two rings simultaneously to end the competition on time.



Ha smiles after winning on default. (Reuters wirephoto)



## OLYMPIC NOTEBOOK

### Marathon runner

IBRAHIM HUSSEIN went jogging this week — over the Olympic marathon course in Seoul. It took him three hours. Next week the Kenyan will be back running on the same stretch of road. He expects to be a good 50 minutes faster and to end up with a gold medal around his neck.

### Carl Lewis

CARL LEWIS is nowhere to be seen in the Olympic athletes' village but his haircut is everywhere. The quadruple US Olympic champion has found quarters away from the other athletes, but seen from behind in the Olympic village many black sportsmen could be mistaken for him.

### IOC objects

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday accused US athletes of advertising the name of a television network during the Saturday's Games opening ceremony. IOC is asking the athletes not to repeat the action.

### Dressage event

WEST GERMAN riders cantered into the lead of the first day of the dressage section of the Olympic three-day event yesterday. Thies Kaspareit, 24, showed excellent control as he put his 10-year-old Mount Sherry through its movements, particularly in the circle and serpentine sequences.

### Doping tests

A SWEDISH weightlifter has been sent home from the Seoul Games after doping tests showed he had used muscle-building drugs, the head of the Sweden's Olympic delegation said yesterday.

### Ben Johnson

CANADA'S Ben Johnson is sticking to the same afternoon training schedule which he used before breaking the world 100 metres record at the Rome World Championships last year despite the morning starts in the Seoul Olympics.

### Village mayor

KIM YONG-SHIK, mayor of the athletes' village at the Seoul Games, has been showered with gifts from the 160 nations represented at the biggest Olympics in history.

### Popular sport

SOCCER, the most popular sport at the last two Olympics, is attracting big crowds to the tournament in Seoul. There have been two 30,000 sell-outs for the first eight ties which pulled in a total of 172,000 spectators.

### Long wait

WEST GERMANY, the third biggest team at the Seoul Games, have complained that athletes have to wait too long for their food and can't eat it when it arrives.

### Drug tests

EIGHT athletes who failed drug tests at the US Olympic trials in July will not be punished, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) said yesterday.

### Harald Schmid

WEST GERMAN Harald Schmid could miss the Olympic 400 metres hurdles final where he was expected to set world record holder Ed Moses his toughest opposition. "Schmid still has problems with stretching his leg over the hurdle. I fear he might have to drop out after the heats," team doctor Wilfried Kindermann said yesterday.

### Record ratified

THE sensational world record of 10.49 seconds in the women's 100 metres by Florence Griffith-Joyner at the US Olympic Trials in July was ratified today by the International Amateur Athletics Federation. The documentation presented for the ratification was "fully satisfactory" and there were no questions about the ratification among the IAAF council members, said its president, Primo Nebiolo.

### Soviet coach

SOVIET basketball coach Alexander Gornelsky, whose team were beaten 92-79 by rivals Yugoslavia on Sunday, said yesterday that he was still confident — because things could not get much worse. "My boys played badly," said Gornelsky, coaching at his seventh Olympics. "It is not possible that the whole team can play this badly again."

## Hungary take lead in modern pentathlon

SEOUL, Sept. 19. (Reuters): Hungary took the lead on the second day of the modern pentathlon at the Seoul Olympics today after a 12-hour fencing marathon which pushed minds and bodies to the limit.

Each of the 65 competitors met all the others in a series of one-hit elimination bouts which pentathletes say are the hardest part of their demanding five-discipline sport.

At the end of the fencing, Czechoslovakia were second and Britain third in the chase for the team prize.

### Fence

Australia's Alexander Watson, individual leader after the first day's equestrian competition, said: "This is the worst day. To fence for so long requires tremendous mental and physical effort."

The strain showed and the 30-year-old from Sydney slipped to 17th overall in the individual placings.

New individual leader was Hungary's Janos Martinek with France's Joel Bouzou in second place.



## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Liverpool 'keeper

LIVERPOOL, England, Sept 19. (Reuters): Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar was taken to hospital last night suffering from meningitis, the London Times reported today. The Times said Grobbelaar, 30, complained of feeling unwell after playing in Saturday's First Division fixture for the League champions against Tottenham at White Hart Lane.

## Benelux draw

LISBON, Sept 19. (Reuters): Benelux drew for the second week in a row yesterday, but retained the leadership of the Portuguese Soccer First Division which they now share with Sporting Lisbon, Benfica and Porto.

## Eisenhower Trophy

STOCKHOLM, Sept 19. (Reuters): The joint British/Irish combination retained the men's world amateur golf team title, the Eisenhower Trophy, by five points from the United States yesterday.

## Seattle golf

SEATTLE, Sept 19. (Reuters): Juli Inkster won the \$225,000 Seattle women's golf tournament yesterday, finishing three strokes ahead of South Korean Ok Hee Ku and four strokes better than third-place Jan Stephenson of Australia.

## Boston Classic

SUTTON, Mass., Sept 19. (Reuters): American Mark Calcavecchia came from three strokes back, sank a 30-foot birdie putt on his final hole and then waited out the late finishers to win the \$600,000 Boston Classic yesterday.

## Baseball results

NEW YORK, Sept 19. (Reuters): Results of Major League Baseball games played yesterday.

National League	
New York	5 Montreal 3
Los Angeles	2 Cincinnati 0
Philadelphia	6 Pittsburgh 5
Atlanta	6 San Diego 3
San Francisco	10 Houston 5
St Louis	5 Chicago 4
American League	
Boston Red Sox	9 New York Yankees 4
Baltimore	2 Detroit 0
Oakland	3 Kansas City 2
Toronto	4 Cleveland 0
Chicago	8 Minnesota 5
California	6 Texas 2
Milwaukee	10 Seattle 2

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Hubert Bridge Club game played on Saturday evening:

N/S	
1. Nabil Akel & Narendra Shah	2. M. Blebel & Dr. Chamer
3. Sherin Basayoni & Ezzeldin	
E/W	
1. Mrs Pereira & Desmond Pereira	2. Chandray & Mukerjee
3. Rasim & Kundoura	
Results of the Regency Palace Bridge Club game held on Saturday:	
N/S	
1. Frederike & Gerard Asfar	2. Nabil Akel & M. Wamoudh Sabri
3. Rita Camaccini & Ely Lamert	
E/W	
1. Sherin Basayoni & Adel Bayoumi	2. Khurshid Zuberi & Narendra Shah
3. Abdulatif Durrji & Sultan Ali	

## Real will reign in Spain, says Toshack

MADRID, Sept 19. (Reuters): Real Madrid will win the Spanish First Division soccer championship despite their faltering start to the season, according to rival manager John Toshack.

"I'm certain they are the best side in Spain, although they're going to have to sweat more than last season if they want to win the title," said Real Sociedad's coach Toshack after yesterday's 2-2 draw in the Bernabeu stadium.

It was Real's third draw in succession and notable for an own goal and a fluffed penalty by striker Hugo Sanchez.

Real coach Leo Beenhakker continued to make light of what commentators are calling serious problems — "a boat without a mast" said one sports newspaper — blaming the draw partly on the "bad luck of an own goal."

Beenhakker said: "That made them play nervously... in the first half we played a very complete game, dominating Real Sociedad."

## TAYLOR FAILS TO SAVE AUSTRALIANS FROM FOLLOW-ON

## Pakistan on brink of crushing win



Qasim: seven wickets so far

KARACHI, Sept 19. (Reuters): Pakistan's deadly spin attack brought them to the brink of a crushing first Test victory over Australia today as the row over the umpiring and the wicket raged on.

With a day left to play Australia were 66 for five in their second innings, still 238 short of Pakistan's first innings score of 469 for nine declared.

The tail-enders hung on grimly for half the fourth day, pushing the score from 116 for seven overnight to 165 all out.

But when Australia followed on the front-line batsmen found themselves reliving the nightmare of the first innings.

Australia's Peter Taylor, who failed miserably as a bowler, became the first batsman to be bowled out. The off-spinner was at the wicket for 325 minutes for his 54, his Test best but one of the slowest half-centuries on record.

He finally ran out of partners 37 minutes into the afternoon session when Bruce Reid was lbw to Iqbal Qasim. It was grim cricket, however, with the batsmen padding forward to ball after ball and only rarely changing a clean shot.

Following on, Australia were never comfortable and wickets

quickly began to tumble. At one point they were 15 for three.

Taylor, back at the wicket as opener, fell for two and then the spinners got busy.

David Boon padded forward so enthusiastically to Qasim that the ball went between his legs and bowled him for four. Dean Jones was well caught by Ijaz Ahmad at silly point off Abdul Qadir for the same score.

Geoff Marsh and Graeme Wood resisted after tea but fell lbw to Tauseef Ahmed and Qasim for 16 and 15 respectively. At close of play captain Allan Border was five and Steve Waugh 11.

It had been another excellent day for the home side, although the spinners' exploits were almost overshadowed by controversy off the field. Qasim finished the fourth day with a total of seven wickets in the match. He took five in the first innings and two in the second.

Some parts of Karachi were hit by freak rainstorms yesterday's rest day, but it would take very unusual weather to save Australia.

**Scoreboard**  
PAKISTAN 1st innings 469 for nine declared  
AUSTRALIA 1st innings 165 for 10  
G. Marsh b Iqbal Qasim 16

D. Boon b Abdul Qadir 14	D. Jones b Iqbal Qasim 13
G. Wood c Iqbal Qasim b Tauseef Ahmed 23	A. Border c Aamer Malik b Iqbal Qasim 4
S. Waugh b Iqbal Qasim 9	P. Taylor not out 54
L. Healy c Ejaz Ahmad b Mudasar Nazir 26	A. Dodemalle c Ejaz Ahmad b Salim Malik 6
T. May c Salim Yousaf b Abdul Qadir 6	R. Reid lbw Iqbal Qasim 0
Extras (b-12 lb-7) 19	Total 165
Wicketfall: 1-19 2-23 3-40 4-48 5-54 6-64 7-106 8-139 9-162	

**Bowling:** Mudasar Nazir 10-3-15-1, Aamer Malik 2-0-6-0, Iqbal Qasim 39-24-35-5, Abdul Qadir 37-16-54-2, Tauseef Ahmed 26-15-28-1, Shonib Mohammad 2-1-1-0, Salim Malik 6-4-7-1

**AUSTRALIA 2nd innings:** G. Marsh b Tauseef Ahmed 16, P. Taylor c Ijaz Ahmad b Aamer Malik 2, D. Boon b Iqbal Qasim 2, D. Jones c Ijaz Ahmad b Abdul Qadir 4, G. Wood lbw Iqbal Qasim 15, A. Border not out 5, S. Waugh not out 11

**Total (for five wickets) 66**  
Wicketfall: 1-4-10 2-13 3-15 4-46 5-50

**Bowling:** Mudasar Nazir 3-0-5-0, Aamer Malik 2-0-1, Iqbal Qasim 16-11-26-2, Abdul Qadir 9-3-18-1, Tauseef Ahmed 8-4-8-1

## Hick may give England unexpected boost

LONDON, Sept 19. (Reuters): England's cricketers, reeling from another battering by West Indies and with just one win in their last 19 Tests, may receive an unexpectedly early boost from Graeme Hick, the outstanding young batsman of the English season that ended on Sunday.

Zimbabwe-born Hick, who finished top of the English first class averages with 2,713 runs at 88.51 after a season of batting exploits to rewrite the record books, could realise his cherished ambition to play for England as early as next summer.

TCCB chief executive Alan Smith expects the question of Hick's qualification to be raised again, probably at their traditional pre-season meeting next March.

Hick, 22, whose prolific scoring significantly helped Worcestershire to win two county titles, is prevented by Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) registra-

tion rules from playing for England until 1991.

Yet fresh moves to try and reduce his qualification period for a second time appear likely to be made by Worcestershire during the off-season. Hick originally had to qualify for 10 years from 1984, but this was cut by three years last December following a TCCB rule change.

## Argument

Smith said in a reference to the Zimbabwean: "I personally can see an argument for distinguishing between players who come from non-Test playing countries and those from Test-playing countries."

Hick emphasised the quality of his batsmanship from the start of the summer, showing the technique, application and appetite for big scores that put him on a far higher plane than any young uncapped English batsman.

He became the first player for

15 years to score 1,000 first-class runs before the end of May, and his tally of 1,019 in 11 innings included an unbeaten 405 against Somerset at Taunton. Hick is only the seventh player in cricket history to exceed 400 in a first-class innings.

Hick's run-making dominated the county scene, though the spotlight frequently fell on West Indian all-rounder Franklyn Stephenson, who spectacularly marked his first season with Nottinghamshire by completing the double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets.

The English selectors searched in vain to unearth similar talent — they picked 31 players during the season — as the irresistible fast-bowling of Malcolm Marshall tore apart an England side beaten 4-0 in the five-Test series.

England's torment was compounded by off-field troubles which erupted when Mike Gat-

ting was sacked as captain after the first Test as acting irresponsibly by inviting a woman back to his hotel room during the match.

The unsettling effect on the team of Gatting's dismissal was scarcely eased by having three more captains — John Emburey, Chris Cowdrey and Graham Gooch.

## Accomplished

Marshall, with a record haul for a West Indian in any Test series of 35 wickets, was the key figure for the touring team in a rubber that saw Viv Richards graduate with honours as their captain.

When Richards was appointed early in 1985 he inherited Clive Lloyd's immensely accomplished side, but the retirements from the international arena in 1987 of Michael Holding, Joel Garner and Larry Gomes left West Indies to negotiate a period of transition.

## BCCP hits out at Australian complaints

KARACHI, Sept 19. (Reuters): The Pakistan Cricket Board said today it deplored Australian complaints about the umpiring and the wicket in the current Test match.

As Pakistan cruised towards an overwhelming victory on the fourth day, secretary Arif Abbasi said in a statement that the board had full confidence in umpires Mahboob Shah and Khizer Hayat.

The Karachi National Stadium wicket was the same for both teams, it said.

Australian manager Colin Egar protested publicly on Saturday that at least seven decisions had gone against his side. Australia had asked that Shah not be appointed for the remaining matches of the tour, he said.

## Allegations

Abbasi said the Board for Control of Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) had taken note of the allegations, but added:

"It reiterates its full confidence in the umpires, both of whom are experienced and uncontroversial and one of whom (Shah) officiated in the World Cup final at Calcutta last year."

Shah, who has officiated in 19 Tests, defended his decisions in a weekend interview with Reuters and accused the touring party of intimidation and of tarnishing his image.

## Bulgarian takes weightlifting gold

SEOUL, Sept 19. (Reuters): Bulgarian weightlifter Mitko Grablev celebrated his birthday two days early by winning an Olympic gold medal in the bantamweight (56 kg) category today.

Grablev, 24 today, lifted a total of 297.5 kg, a comfortable five kg more than silver medalist Olex Mirziazov of the Soviet Union. China's He Yingqiang, world record holder in the snatch, took the bronze with a total lift of 287.5.

It was Bulgaria's second gold medal of the weightlifting tournament. Flyweight Sevdalin Marinov broke two world records and won the gold in the 52 kg category yesterday.

## Vikings skip Bears to share NFC lead

NEW YORK, Sept 19. (AP): Tommy Kramer has his job back, but he's not gloating about it.

Kramer, who began the season on the bench and asked to be traded after the Vikings lost to Buffalo on opening day, started against Chicago at Soldier Field yesterday and passed for three touchdowns as the Vikings trounced the Bears 31-7.

The victory moved Minnesota into a first-place tie with the Bears in the NFC Central Division.

"It's a great confidence builder," Kramer said of the one-sided triumph. "We knew it would be tough to run on them well so we decided to put the ball up in the air."

In other games, it was Buffalo 16, New England 14; Cincinnati 17, Pittsburgh 12; Kansas City 20, Denver 13; Miami 24, Green Bay 17; New York Jets 45, Houston 3; New Orleans 22, Detroit 14; Washington 17, Philadelphia 10; Phoenix 30, Tampa Bay 24; San Diego 17, Seattle 6; the New York Giants 12, Dallas 10; the Los Angeles Rams 22, the Los Angeles Raiders 17, and Atlanta 34, San Francisco 17.

Indianapolis were to visit Cleveland this evening. Vikings 31, Bears 7.

Minnesota capitalised on five Chicago turnovers, but coach Jerry Burns wasn't bragging either, no doubt keeping in mind that the Vikings and Bears will meet again in the last week of the season.

## Bengals 17, Steelers 12

Boomer Esiason, held in check for the first three quarters, hit Eddie Brown with a 65-yard fourth-quarter scoring pass to rally the unbeaten Bengals over mistake-prone Pittsburgh. The Bengals are 3-0 for the first time since 1975, when they finished 11-3.

Jets 45, Oilers 3.

Wesley Walker caught three touchdowns passes as New York's offense came alive and gave the Jets their largest margin of victory ever. The game was marred by 190 yards in penalties — including nine personal fouls.

Redskins 17, Eagles 10.

Timmy Smith ran for 107 yards and one touchdown and an eight-game losing streak.

## Iranians agree to play in Islamic soccer tourney

SEOUL, Sept 19. (KUNA): Iran today announced its willingness to participate in the Islamic soccer tournament, scheduled to be held in Kuwait, in March 1989.

The acceptance was voiced by the head of the Iranian delegation to the Seoul Summer Olympics during his meeting with the chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

Kuwait is the current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

OCA sources told KUNA here that matters pertaining to promotion of Kuwait-Iranian sports relations, within the framework of OCA, were tackled.

They added that Sheikh Fahd had agreed, in response to invitation by the Iranian sports official, to visit Tehran following the conclusion of the Seoul Olympics.

A similar invitation was also extended by Sheikh Fahd to the head of the Iranian delegation to visit Kuwait.

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